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1704. By way of Index to the following News Letters according to their Numbers.

Number 1. April 15. 1704. Dyed Mr Nath.l Oliver Merchant
April 20.th Dyed The Revd Mr Lockyer of Rhode Island
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Number 2 Newbury April 22 Dyed The Honble Col Pierce Esq.
April 10.th Col Seymore Gov.r of Maryland Arrived.
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Number 6 A Gov.r Powdy. To Apprehend Rudick A Proclamation
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Gov.r Dudley to Apprehend Rudick &c. Gov.r Dudley's Speech
The Gov.r Speech to the Assembly June 1. 1704.
Number 9. Decr 12. 1703. A Proclamation Fast (for the Storm) Hurricane
June 13. Maj.r Sewall Brought 7 Pyrates to Boston.
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June 30 Dyed Madam Anna Page at Rumney Marish
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Number 14. July 21. Dyed Mr Thomas Wild junr at Braintree N.E.
A Proclamation Against Counterfeiting 20s Bills of Credit.
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A Proclamation for the Apprehending of Idol.
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N 22 Ipswich Sept.br 14. Dyed The Revd Mr Wm Hubbard.
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September 16 Dyed Mathew Ling Esq of the Maj.ty Council at
September 18 Dyed Capt James Walker Esq at Burlington N York
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31. Piscataqua Newcastle Novbr 8.th Ordained The Revd Mr J. Emerson
33. Novbr 26. Dyed Major Benj.n Davis
34 Decbr 7.th Dyed The Revd Mr Thom.s Clark at Chelmsford
S. Hly Compton Decbr 7.th Ordained the Revd Mr Rice
Ordained the last of Nov.r Decbr 10 Dyed
Westhall Augt 14.th Gibraltar taken with Articles
Great Britain Sign Coin in the last for America

An Historical Digest of the Provincial Press

Being a Collation of All Items of Personal and Historic Reference Relating to American Affairs Printed in the Newspapers of the Provincial Period Beginning with the Appearance of The Present State of the New-English Affairs, 1689, Publick Occurrences, 1690, and the First Issue of The Boston News-Letter, 1704, and Ending with the Close of the Revolution, 1783 .:. .:.

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Preface

THE scheme of this work involves the exact reproduction of the text of the American newspapers, other than their reprints of foreign intelligence in the English journals, from the first attempted American newspaper in the year 1690, of which only a single number was issued, down through the Provincial Period closing with the year 1783. The first series, of which this is volume one, is to cover the Massachusetts press, for in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay American journalism had its beginning, and here alone was continued with a single newspaper through a decade and a half, or till 1719. Except in the provinces of Pennsylvania and New York, and there only in the cities of Philadelphia and New York, journalism was not planted elsewhere till after the first quarter of a century had passed. The news of the Massachusetts press, however, was by no means confined to that province. The field of the Massachusetts periodicals was all the English colonies in America, and in their columns was reported not only the news of the other colonies but that of the West Indies, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland, so far as news gathering facilities were effective in those primitive days.

Beginning with the eighteenth century the early newspapers contained much Americana not elsewhere to be found in reports of local happenings, in official documents and other papers, and in personal items relating to the daily lives of the people and to the activities of the communities then developing. Because of the incompleteness or entire absence of other records, the material in these periodicals, scant as it is, is of inestimable value to the historian, the genealogist, the student, the lawyer, the judge, the conveyancer, serving as it does to illuminate much that otherwise would remain obscure, and furnishing vital data concerning both public and private affairs of this formative period of American history.

It is a cause for profound but unavailing regret that old town and church records have to a considerable extent disappeared, and that so many documents and papers of historical value were destroyed or carried away during and at the close of the Revolution. Much, too, of the material of this nature that has been preserved is fragmentary. Where town records—minutes of town meetings, of selectmen, of churches, and of other community proceedings—were kept they are often now far from complete. The same is true of the

records of probate courts, of the registers of deeds, of vital statistics. The valuable publications of the town records and other contemporary documents by the city registrar of Boston, and the volumes of Massachusetts Vital Records by the New England Historic Genealogical Society, provided for by its Robert Henry Eddy Fund and annual appropriations by the Commonwealth for the purchase of a stated number of copies, particularly disclose this condition in Massachusetts; and it is the condition to an even greater extent in the other colonies. Many of these omissions the early provincial newspapers supply, and they will be found in this compilation. In fact, the material in the newspapers here reproduced constitutes to a very considerable extent our only contemporaneous record of American happenings, especially in the earlier years of the Provincial Period, save what is derived from public documents and private papers. The desire to rescue this material from the obscurity into which it has fallen and to render it accessible has been the guiding motive of this Digest.

While all that is comprised in this volume and those that will follow notably supplements other records and meets deficiencies in them it also includes much matter of a distinctive character and not heretofore collected, bearing upon a variety of subjects: as port statistics, public proceedings; importations; postal service; events, local and colonial; residence, business pursuits, and ventures of the people; passenger arrivals and departures; real estate transactions; property holdings; wills; court and administrative affairs; legislative acts. In the special field of literature much is discoverable in these columes that will engage the attention of the investigator into literary usages, the origin of words, terms, and phrases which have worked their way into the common language. To what extent all this will add to the sum of our information regarding the period surveyed the pages that follow must speak for themselves.

The imperative need and the usefulness of such a compilation as is furnished in this Digest will be recognized when it is understood that the issues of such early periodicals as have been preserved are scattered in many libraries in different parts of the country. No single library has a complete set of any of them. He who would examine every existing number would be compelled to resort to institutions in widely separated cities, as Boston, Cambridge, Worcester, Hartford, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Madison, Wisconsin. In some instances the only known copies are in private or proprietory libraries not freely open to the public. Thus they are always difficult of consultation, and not infrequently are practically inaccessible save to privileged investigators. Moreover, many are in a frail and perishable condition, and their custodians are already seriously considering the wisdom of withdrawing them entirely from general use. The danger of loss by fire is also ever present.

In its entirety AN HISTORICAL DIGEST OF THE PROVINCIAL PRESS will be a complete compilation of or an index to all the provincial newspapers included in this review. It is intended that the work shall largely obviate the necessity of consulting the originals save, perhaps, in exceptional instances by scholars, and place this material once for all in compact form, wholly available for the widest private and public use.

It is believed that the methods adopted in this reprinting will commend themselves by reason of their simplicity, directness, and completeness. As will be seen, the items reproduced have been arranged in chronological order under the names of the newspapers from which they have been taken, with dates of issue and reference to the libraries in which copies of those particular issues are now preserved. All the personal items, reports of events and historical documents that have never been reprinted, and that constitute the bulk of the data, are given entire. In the work as a whole documents and historical papers that have been already reprinted in accessible collections of historical and antiquarian societies or in standard works of history will not always be reproduced in full, but will be briefly abstracted and reference made to those publications wherein they can be consulted. In the present volume, however, few such instances occur. While the foreign news reprinted or summarized from the English newspapers has been excluded as outside the scope of this work devoted exclusively to Americana, its character has been indicated in the editorial head-notes to the transcripts of successive issues of the newspapers and in occasional brief references in the text. Whatever in this mass of foreign intelligence relates in any way to American affairs has, however, been scrupulously transcribed.

To reproduce the originals with absolute textual fidelity has been the constant aim of the editors. Working on these predetermined lines all the vagaries of spelling, capitalization, italicization, punctuation, abbreviations, and so on, have been carefully preserved. So undeviating has been the adherence to this rule that even obvious typographical errors of the colonial printers have been transferred to these pages. At the outset the extent to which editorial revision or correction of the original text might be carried came up for long and serious consideration. One conclusion only could be arrived at and that was that the ultimate historical worth of a work of this character must rest primarily and firmly upon an exact adherence to the text. This course has been pursued with less reluctance in view of the fact that there has been found little confusion or incorrectness in the text that will not be readily comprehensible to the competent reader. Here and there suggestive readings have been added in brackets and further explanations and corrections have been made in foot-notes.

That despite the utmost care and watchfulness errors may exist in the completed work may be frankly admitted. Such seems to be

the fate of all printed books, and it may well be true of a work involving such and so many typographical and other perplexities as this. It is however the earnest hope of the editors that if errors are found they will be few and unimportant. A careful final reading of the printed pages in connection with the arduous task of making the elaborate personal and analytical Index has happily revealed little of consequence that had previously escaped observation.

Several special features of historical and bibliographical character precede the transcript of the newspapers on the opening pages of this volume. These come naturally in place as introductory to and explanatory of the text which follows. Their presence does not call for particular comment. The list of periodicals of the Provincial Period, the list of authorities on the subject, and the list of libraries will, it is safe to say, be found useful guides. An acquaintance with the broadside of 1689, the first attempted newspaper, and the Campbell manuscript news letters, seems to be essential to an adequate understanding of the conditions precedent to the founding of the first established newspaper and the influence which affected that beginning and marked its early career.

The editors are indebted to a number of valued friends who may be properly termed historical experts for practical suggestions and valuable aids in the prosecution of their work; and their thanks are especially due to the librarians of the Massachusetts Historical Society, the New York Historical Society, the Boston Athenæum, the American Antiquarian Society, the libraries of Harvard and Yale Colleges, the Library of Congress, and other institutions, for courtesies received.

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Page 78. The date of The Boston News-Letter No. 6 should be May 29, 1704 instead of 1709 as printed.

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Page 59. The annotation in the manuscript "Memorandums" bound in the volume of The Boston News-Letter in the library of the New York Historical Society, under date October 15, 1705 [the second of this date]: Madame Hebb, as pointed out by Mr. Frederick L. Gay, signifies Madam Hobbie; the initial N, in the next line, Negro. Then the annotation would read: "Madame Hobb[ie's] N[egro] one [or once] of the Jamaica fleet died this morning of a Fever, at the house of ye sd H[obbie]." See Sewall's Diary, v. 2, p. 121, Jan. 1, 1704/5.

The Present State of the

New-English Affairs.

This is Published to prevent False Reports

An Extract of a Letter from Mr. Mather, *To the Governour, Dated* Sept. 3. 1689 *from* Deal *in* Kent.

THe House of Commons Ordered a Bill to be drawn up for the Restoration of Charters to all Corporations. Some Enemies of *New-England* did bestir themselves on that Occasion. But it has pleased God to succeed Endeavours and Sollicitations here so far, as that *N. E.* is particularly mentioned in the Bill.

It has been read twice, and after that referred unto a Committee for Emendations. What concerns *N. England* passed without any great opposition. The Bill has been in part read the third Time, and the Charters of *N.-Eng.* then also passed without Objection. Only some Additional Clauses respecting Corporations here, caused Debates; so that the Bill is not as yet Enacted.

In the latter end of *June*, a Vessel from *Mount Hope* arrived here, which brought your Declarati-

A Passage extracted from the publick News-Letter, Dated July 6. 1689.

The people of *New-England* having made a thorow Revolution, and secured the publick Criminals. On *Thursday* last, the Reverend and Learned Mr. *Mather*, President of the *Colledge*, and Minister of *Boston*, waited on the King; and in a most Excellent Speech laid before His Majesty, the State of that People; saying, *That they were sober, and Industrious, and fit for Martial Service; and all with their Lives and Interests were at His Majesties Command, to tender the same unto His Majesty: That they desired nothing but His Majesties Acceptance of what they had done, and His Protection; and that if His Majesty pleased to encourage and Commission them, He might easily be*

and that he would order the Secretary of State to signifie so much, and that His Subjects there should have their Ancient Rights and Priviledges restored to them.

The King has sent a Gracious Letter (which was delivered to me, and if I return not my self, I shall take care that it be sent to you) bearing Date *August* 12. *Wherein He signifies His Royal Approbation* of what has been done at *Boston*, and assures you that the Government there shall be settled, so as shall be for the Security and Satisfaction of His Subjects in that Colony, and in the mean time bids you go on to Administer the Laws, and manage the Government, according as in your Address you have Petitioned.

My Lord *Mordent* (now Earl of *Monmouth*) bade me assure you that He would be your Friend, and he bade me tell you from him, *That your Charters should be restored to you by Act of Parliament.*

I have been with most of the Kings most Honourable Privy Council, who have promised to befriend *New-England* as there shall be occasion for it. The like I may say, of all the *Leading-men* in the Parliament.

I have been in the *Downs* a fortnight, and Aboard Mr. *Clark*, several Nights, but the Wind has been against us. And we now hear that the *New-found-Land* Convoyes (on whose Assistance we had a Dependance) are gone.

Superscribed To the Honourable
Simon Bradstreet, *Esq;*

Governour of the *Massachusets Colony* in *N-England.*

should be secured unto them.

Extracted from a Letter of Mr. Mather, *to his Son, Dated* Sept. 2. 1689.

On *July* 4. The King said unto me, *That He did kindly Accept of what was done in* Boston. *And that His Subjects in* New-England *should have their Ancient Rights and Priviledges Restored and Confirmed unto them.* Yea, He told me, *That if it were in his power to cause it to be done it should be done*, and bade me rest assured of it.

The *Charter-Bill* is not finished, because some Additional Clauses respecting Corporations here in *England* caused a Debate; and the Parliament is for some weeks Adjourned.

Besides the Letter from the Kings Majesty, whereof we have notice as above; there is now arrived, an Order from His Majesty to the Government, bearing Date, *July* 30. 1689.

Requiring, *That Sir* Edmund Andross, Edward Randolph, *and others, that have been Seized by the people of* Boston, *and shall be at the Receipt of these Commands, Detained there, under Confinement, be sent on Board the first Ship, bound to* England, *to answer what may be objected against them.*

Boston, Printed and Sold by *Samuel Green*, 1689.

Precursors of the Newspaper

IT has been estimated that from the setting up of the first printing press in the English-speaking colonies of America, by Stephen Daye in Cambridge, Massachusetts-Bay, in 1639, until the close of the Colonial Period, half a century thereafter, more than three hundred books and pamphlets by native writers were produced by the printers of Cambridge and Boston. This was a remarkable output for a pioneer people and some of the Boston imprints became famous even in the old world.

This early-planted and rapidly-developed literary and typographic activity gradually led to the printing of news-sheets, although fifty years were allowed to elapse before the home press gave the colonists anything to read except books and pamphlets,—mainly religious—almanacs, and the acts and resolves of the General Court. Foreign news came in the few and infrequent London newspapers, while the scant domestic happenings were reported by word of mouth or by personal letters passing between relatives or friends in different communities. When, occasionally, some specially important matter developed broadsides were printed and sold, but only at the instance, or with the permission of the government, for the press was not yet free and nothing could be put forth except as "published by authority." Such, for example, was the broadside of 1689, entitled: The Present State of the New-English Affairs. So far as has been discovered this was the first publication in the colonies of a purely domestic news character and as such it is reprinted in this Digest, although it was in no sense a newspaper.

Other sheets of like character were put forth about this time. Evidence of this and of the fact that such publications were not regarded with favor by the colonial authorities is seen in the following official document:

"Whereas many papers haue beene lately printed & dispersed tending to the disturbance of the peace & subuersion of the gouerm̄t of this theire Maiesties Collonie King William & Queene Mary It is therfor ordered that if any person or persons within this Collony be found guilty of any such like Misdemeanour of printing publishing or concealing any such like papers or discourses or not timely discouer such things to Authority or doe any act or thing that tends to the disturbance of the peace or the subuersion of this governm̄t They shall be accounted enemies to theire Maiesties present Gouernm̄t & be proceeded ag^{t} as such with uttermost severity

"Nov̄:^{br} 8th: 1689, Past in the affirmative
"by the Representatives
"EBENEZER PROUT *Clerk*"[1]

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1 Massachusetts Archives, Vol. XXXV, p. 78.

Another publication of the period, similar to the preceding, was: | Admiral Russel's | L E T T E R | TO THE | **Earl of Nottingham,** | **Containing an Exact and Particular Relation of** | **the Late Happy** | **Victory and Success** | **Against** | **The French Fleet.** | This letter which was "published by authority," gives an account of the naval engagement between the English and Dutch fleets on the one side, and the French fleet on the other, off capes La Hogue and Barfleur in May 1692. The letter of the admiral, dated Portsmouth, June 2, 1692, describes circumstantially the movements of the allied naval forces, day by day, from Wednesday, May 18, to Wednesday, May 25, and tells how the French fleet was defeated and completely destroyed.

Following this letter is a copy of a private letter from Portsmouth, dated May 29, 1692. In the latter is another brief account of the same battle. Under date of "*Monday* 23*d* of *May*" is a brief report of the burning of the French ships in the harbor of La Hogue. Finally under date of "*Tuesday, June 7th.* 1692." is more about the campaign, with the statement that the combined English and Dutch fleets were; "Ninety Nine Ships, Forty Thousand five hundred seventy five Seamen, six Thousand nine Hundred ninety four Cannons, eighty seven Fireships and Frigats." The letter ends:

"This very day brings News, That the Town of Marmur, but not the Castle have Surrendred to the *French* sooner than it needed to have done, but at so dear a rate, as 'tis hoped will cost the *French* King his Kingdom."

Then is appended this note of the reception of the news in Boston:

"THe Happy News of this Success and Victory, obtained by Their Majesties Royal Navy, over the *French* Fleet was Received by Their Majesties Loyal Subjects of their Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in *New-England*, with all Hearty Expressions and Demonstrations of Joy; His Excellency the Governour, being absent upon an Expedition against the Common Enemy. The Lieutenant Governour, accompanied with the Gentlemen of the Council; Principal Gentlemen, Military Officers and Merchants of the Town of *Boston*, Repairing unto the Fort, the great Ordnance at the Fort, and other Fortifications in and about the said Town, and at Their Majesties Castle, were discharged, and Loud Acclamations of God Save *King William* and Queen *Mary*, and grant them a Long and Prosperous Reign, made by the whole Concourse of People there Assembled."

This broadside consists of four pages, two columns to a page, the paper page being 7½ by 11¾ inches and the type page 5½ by 10½ inches. The heading and Admiral Russell's letter fill nearly six columns. The sheet has the imprint: "*Boston* Printed, and Sold by *Benjamin Harris*, at the *London-Coffee-House*. 1692." A unique specimen is in the library of Harvard College and a fac-simile reproduction was published in Samuel Abbott Green's Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects, Boston, 1903.

In New York, in 1696, Governor Benjamin Fletcher recognized the growing desire in that community, to know the news, by having reprinted a copy of the London Gazette which had come into his hands and contained an account of an engagement with the French previous to the peace of Ryswick. He had already called William Bradford from Philadelphia to set up a printing shop in New York and to him he gave the order for this work. It was reported by the governor, in a letter to the lords of trade, in London, May 30, 1696:

"ship belonging to this place from Madera happily mett at sea that vessell which had Your Lordp's packet for Virginia and brought me a Gazett which gave me an account of that horrid conspiracy against His Majesty's sacred person. I caused it to be reprinted here and proclamation was issued by advice of the Council for a day of thanksgiving throghout this province before the duplicate from Your Lordp came to hand."[2]

A similar reprint was brought out in Boston in 1697 bearing this imprint: "*London*, Printed by *J. Dawks*, Re-printed at *Boston*, in *N. E.* by *B. Green*, and *J. Allen*, 1697." The heading is as follows: "London Septemb. 27. | Yesterday Morning arrived Three *Holland* Mails, | which bring the following Advices. | Vienna, September 18." | An original is in the Boston Public Library and it was reproduced in fac-simile in the Boston Public Library Bulletin, October, 1893, vol. XII, page 215.

Earlier than the date of the publications last mentioned a definite attempt was made to establish a real newspaper in the Massachusetts-Bay Colony, the first attempt of the kind in America. This was the single number of Publick Occurrences Septemper 25, 1690. The prompt action of the governor in suppressing this sheet not only put an end to its existence but also acted as an effectual deterrent to any other printer ambitious in the same direction. For more than thirteen years thereafter the journalistic field was barren. Meantime however, the familiar methods of spreading news by written letters continued, and presently, in 1703, John Campbell, who was then postmaster of Boston, undertook to write letters which were broader and fuller in news than private communications were likely to be, and which, even if not altogether public in character, were in a sense semi-official. Campbell sent his letters quite regularly to the governors of the several New England colonies, and his brother Duncan Campbell seems to have assisted him in this service. A full account and a transcript of such of the Campbell letters as have been preserved are given in this volume.

These broadsides and manuscript news letters were the immediate precursors of the real newspaper, that is a publication of news, having periodicity and continuity as its essential elements. They were followed by The Boston News-Letter of John Campbell, in April, 1704; and there was the real beginning of American journalism.

2 Documents Relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, Vol. IV, p. 150.

Massachusetts Periodicals

1689-1783

FOLLOWING is a list, chronologically arranged, of newspapers and other periodicals published in Massachusetts, during the Provincial Period, beginning with the single sheet of extracts from letters of the Reverend Increase Mather in 1689, and ending with the close of the Revolution in 1783. The list is based upon a similar list in volume 9 of the Publications of The Colonial Society of Massachusetts—which has been used herewith by the kind permission of Albert Matthews of Boston.[1] Considerable dependence has also been placed upon the work of William Nelson of Paterson, New Jersey.[2] Original investigation of first sources by the editors of this Digest has added to this knowledge.

During their existence several of these newspapers were published under different names. These names have been entered separately, and, where necessary for identification, the parent title is given in connection therewith in brackets. In this list two titles,—the Campbell manuscript letters,—are not of periodicals nor even of publications. Nevertheless it has been considered quite in keeping with the character and purpose of this Digest to include them inasmuch as they were essentially of news character, and were the first expressions of that public desire for news which ultimately led to the establishment of The Boston News-Letter.

The Present State of the New-English Affairs; Boston, 1689

Publick Occurrences both Forreign and Domestick; Boston, September 25, 1690

Letters Written by John Campbell, Postmaster of Boston, and sent to the Governors of New England; April—October, 1703

Letters Written by Duncan Campbell of Boston and sent to Governor Winthrop of Connecticut; May, 1700—

The Boston News-Letter; April 24, 1704—December 29, 1726

The Boston Gazette; December 21, 1719—October 12, 1741

The New-England Courant; Boston, August 7, 1721—June 4, 1726

The Weekly News-Letter; Boston, January 5, 1727—October 29, 1730

The New-England Weekly Journal; Boston, March 20, 1727—October 13, 1741

The Boston Weekly News-Letter; November 5, 1730—August 25, 1757

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1 Check List of Boston Newspapers, 1704-1780, by Mary Farwell Ayer, with Bibliographical Notes by Albert Matthews.

2 Archives of the State of New Jersey, First Series, Vol. XII.

The Weekly Rehearsal; Boston, September 27, 1731—August 11, 1735

The Boston Weekly Post-Boy; October, 1734 [?]—June 4, 1750

The Boston Evening-Post; August 18, 1735—April 24, 1775

The Boston Gazette, or, New England Weekly Journal; October 20, 1741

The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Journal; October 27, 1741—December 26, 1752

The Boston Weekly Magazine; March 2—March 16, 1743

The Christian History; Boston, March 5, 1743—February 23, 1745

The American Magazine and Historical Chronicle; Boston, September, 1743—December, 1746

The Independent Advertiser; Boston, January 4, 1748—December 5, 1749

The Boston Post-Boy; June 11, 1750—December 23, 1754

The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Advertiser; January 3, 1753—April 1, 1755

The Boston Gazette, or, Country Journal; April 7, 1755—April 5, 1756

The Boston Gazette, and Country Journal; April 12, 1756—April 5, 1779[3]

The Boston Weekly Advertiser [Boston Post-Boy]; August 22, 1757—December 25, 1758

The Boston News-Letter; September 1, 1757—March 18, 1762

The New England Magazine; Boston, August, 1758—1759 [?][4]

Green & Russell's Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; January 1, 1759—May 23, 1763

The Boston News-Letter. And New-England Chronicle; March 25—December 30, 1762

The Boston News-Letter, and the New-England Chronicle; January 6—March 31, 1763

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; April 7, 1763—October 31, 1765

The Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; May 30, 1763—September 25, 1769

The Massachusetts Gazette, [Boston News-Letter]; November 7, 1765—May 15, 1766

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; May 22, 1766—May 19, 1768

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3 Published in Watertown, June 5, 1775—November, 1776.

4 Three numbers of this magazine are known to be in existence. The title of the first number reads The New England Magazine for August 1758, and that of the second and third numbers The New England Magazine Of Knowledge and Pleasure.

The Boston Chronicle; December 21, 1767—June 25, 1770

The Massachusetts Gazette; Boston, May 23, 1768—September 25, 1769

The Boston Weekly News-Letter; May 26, 1768—September 21, 1769

The Essex Gazette; Salem, August 2, 1768—May 2, 1775

The Massachusetts Gazette: and the Boston Weekly News-Letter; September 28, 1769—February 22, 1776

The Massachusetts Gazette, and the Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser; October 2, 1769—April 17, 1775

The Massachusetts Spy; Boston, July 17, 1770—October 1, 1772

The Censor; Boston, November 23, 1771—May 2, 1772

The Massachusetts Spy Or, Thomas's Boston Journal; October 8, 1772—April 6, 1775

The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet: Or, the Massachusetts and New-Hampshire General Advertiser; Newburyport, December 4, 1773—June 23, 1775

The Royal American Magazine, or Universal Repository of Instruction and Amusement, Boston, January, 1774—March, 1775

The Salem Gazette and Newbury and Marblehead Advertiser; Salem, July 1, 1774—December 23, 1774

The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; Worcester, May 3, 1775—December 31, 1783 [5]

The New-England Chronicle: or, The Essex Gazette, [The Essex Gazette]; Cambridge, May 12, 1775 [6]—April 4, 1776

The Essex Journal Or, The Massachusetts and New-Hampshire General Advertiser, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, June 30—July 28, 1775

The Essex Journal Or, New-Hampshire Packet, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, August 4—November 3, 1775

The Essex Journal, and New Hampshire Packet, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, November 10, 1775—October 5, 1776

The New-England Chronicle; Boston, April 25—September 12, 1776

The Continental Journal, and Weekly Advertiser; Boston, May 30, 1776—December 18, 1783

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5 After the Massachusetts Spy was moved from Boston to Worcester in May, 1775 and became The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty, no less than fourteen changes were made in the title before May, 1782. Most of these changes were of slight typographical character, but all the materially different forms of title under which this newspaper was published from its beginning in 1770 to the end of 1783 are recorded on another page herewith under the heading The Massachusetts Spy.

6 The date line is "from Tuesday, May 2 to Friday, May 12, 1775."

The American Gazette: or, the Constitutional Journal; Salem, June 19—July 30, 1776

The Independent Chronicle, [New England Chronicle]; Boston, September 19—October 31, 1776

The Essex Journal: Or The New-Hampshire Packet And The Weekly Advertiser, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, November 1, 1776—December 5, 1776

The Independent Chronicle. And the Universal Advertiser, [New England Chronicle]; Boston, November 7, 1776—December 25, 1783

The Essex Journal, [The Essex Journal and Merimack Packet]; Newburyport, December 11, 1776—February 13, 1777

The Independent Ledger, and American Advertiser; Boston, June 15—July 13, 1778

The Independent Ledger and the American Advertiser; Boston, July 20, 1778—December 29, 1783

The Evening Post; and the General Advertiser; Boston, October 17, 1778—February 26, 1780

The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal, April 12, 1779—December 29, 1783

The Morning Chronicle; and the General Advertiser, [Evening Post]; Boston, March 9—May 11, 1780

The Salem Gazette and General Advertiser; January 2—September 4, 1781

The Salem Gazette; October 18, 1781—December 25, 1783

The Boston Evening Post: and the General Advertiser; October 20, 1781—December 27, 1783

The Massachusetts Gazette, Or The Springfield and Northampton Weekly Advertiser; Springfield, May 14—August [?], 1782

The Massachusetts Gazette Or, The General Advertiser, [The Massachusetts Gazette, or The Springfield and Northampton Weekly Advertiser]; Springfield, September [3?], 1782—December 23, 1783

The Massachusetts Herald: or Worcester Journal; September 6, 15, 20, and 27, 1783

The Boston Magazine, October, and December, 1783

Following is a list of the several newspapers which during the Provincial Period were published under different titles. Appended thereto are the names under which those newspapers were successively published.

Boston News-Letter; 1704—1776

The Boston News-Letter; April 24, 1704—December 29, 1726

The Weekly News-Letter; January 5, 1727—October 29, 1730

The Boston Weekly News-Letter; November 5, 1730—August 25, 1757

The Boston News-Letter; September 1, 1757—March 18, 1762

The Boston News-Letter. And New-England Chronicle; March 25—December 30, 1762

The Boston News-Letter, and the New-England Chronicle; January 6—March 31, 1763

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; April 7, 1763—October 31, 1765

The Massachusetts Gazette; November 7, 1765—May 15, 1766

The Massachusetts Gazette. And Boston News-Letter; May 22, 1766—May 19, 1768

The Boston Weekly News-Letter; May 26, 1768—September 21, 1769

The Massachusetts Gazette: and the Boston Weekly News-Letter; September 28, 1769—February 22, 1776

Boston Gazette; 1719—1783

The Boston Gazette; December 21, 1719—October 12, 1741

The Boston Gazette, or, New England Weekly Journal; October 20, 1741

The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Journal; October 27, 1741—December 26, 1752

The Boston Gazette, or, Weekly Advertiser; January 3, 1753—April 1, 1755

The Boston Gazette, or Country Journal; April 7, 1755—April 5, 1756

The Boston Gazette, and Country Journal; April 12, 1756—April 5, 1779

The Boston Gazette, and the Country Journal; April 12, 1779—December 29, 1783

Boston Post-Boy; 1734—1775

The Boston Weekly Post-Boy; October, 1734 [?]—June 4, 1750

The Boston Post-Boy; June 11, 1750—December 23, 1754

The Boston Weekly Advertiser; August 22, 1757—December 25, 1758

Green & Russell's Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; January 1, 1759—May 23, 1763

The Boston Post-Boy & Advertiser; May 30, 1763—September 25, 1769

The Massachusetts Gazette, and the Boston Post-Boy and Advertiser; October 2, 1769—April 17, 1775

Essex Gazette; 1768—1776 [7]

The Essex Gazette; August 2, 1768—May 2, 1775

The New-England Chronicle: or, The Essex Gazette; May 12, 1775—April 4, 1776

Massachusetts Spy; 1770—1783

The Massachusetts Spy; July 17, 1770—October 1, 1772

The Massachusetts Spy Or, Thomas's Boston Journal; October 8, 1772—April 6, 1775

The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; May 3, 1775—August 9, 1775

Thomas's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; August 16, 1775—May 31, 1776

The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; June 21, 1776 [?]—August [?], 1777

Haswell's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; August 14, 1777—December 4, 1777

The Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; December 11, 1777—March 19, 1778

Haswell's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; March 26, 1778—June 18, 1778

Thomas's Massachusetts Spy Or, American Oracle of Liberty; June 25, 1778—May 17, 1781

Thomas's Massachusetts Spy Or, The Worcester Gazette; May 24, 1781—April 4, 1782

Thomas's The Massachusetts Spy: Or, Worcester Gazette; April 11, 1782—December 31, 1783

Essex Journal; 1773—1777

The Essex Journal, and Merimack Packet: Or, the Massachusetts and New-Hampshire General Advertiser; December 4, 1773—June 23, 1775

The Essex Journal Or, The Massachusetts and New-Hampshire General Advertiser; June 30—July 28, 1775

The Essex Journal Or, New-Hampshire Packet; August 4—November 3, 1775

The Essex Journal, and New-Hampshire Packet; November 10, 1775—October 5, 1776

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7 See New England Chronicle. The Essex Gazette, started in Salem in 1768, was the parent of the several newspapers known in later years by the name Chronicle. When the publishers removed to Cambridge in 1775 they prefixed the Chronicle name to their publication. When the newspaper was removed from Cambridge to Boston the Essex Gazette part of the title was discarded and as the Chronicle it was longest and best known. For that reason its later titles have been here placed under the heading New-England Chronicle.

The Essex Journal: Or The New-Hampshire Packet And The Weekly Advertiser; November 1, 1776—December 5, 1776
The Essex Journal; December 11, 1776—February 13, 1777

New-England Chronicle; 1775—1783
The New-England Chronicle: or The Essex Gazette; May 12, 1775—April 4, 1776
The New-England Chronicle; April 25—September 12, 1776
The Independent Chronicle; September 19—October 31, 1776
The Independent Chronicle. And the Universal Advertiser; November 7, 1776—December 25, 1783

Independent Ledger; 1778—1783
The Independent Ledger, and American Advertiser; June 15—July 13, 1778
The Independent Ledger, and the American Advertiser; July 20, 1778—December 29, 1783

Evening Post; 1778—1780
The Evening Post; and the General Advertiser; October 17, 1778—February 26, 1780
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Massachusetts Gazette; 1782—1783
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The Massachusetts Gazette, Or the General Advertiser; September [3?], 1782—December 23, 1783

List of Authorities

SEVERAL accounts of the newspapers and their printers in the Massachusetts-Bay Province have been written, and many incidental references throwing light upon them are found in various historical and other publications. The subjoined list of authorities makes no pretence to minute completeness, but it embraces the titles of those works upon which the investigator must principally depend. In fact the editors are confident that nothing of substantial importance has been omitted from it.

A Narrative of the Newspapers printed in New-England—In a letter to the President of the Historical Society, from one of the members. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the year 1798. Boston, 1798. Vol. V, pp. 208—216.

This paper appears to have been the first printed account of the earliest American newspapers. It is signed A. Z. and the author was the Reverend John Eliot, D.D., pastor of the New North Church, Boston, and one of the founders and the first librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society. The sketch is brief and, naturally, inadequate, and it contains numerous errors. It presents some interesting facts but on the whole is not of much value.

Continuation of the Narrative of Newspapers published in New-England, from the year 1704 to the Revolution; in a letter from one of the members to the president of the society. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the year 1800. Boston, 1800. Vol. VI, pp. 64—67.

This paper was also from the pen of the Reverend John Eliot and is open to the same criticism as its predecessor. In it is included a brief two-page sketch of the newspapers of Connecticut from 1755 to 1800, written by the great lexicographer, Noah Webster, and enumerating seventeen publications.

The History of Printing in America. With a Biography of Printers, and an Account of Newspapers. To which is prefixed a concise view of the Discovery and Progress of the Art in Other Parts of the World. In two volumes. By Isaiah Thomas, Printer, Worcester, Massachusetts. Worcester: From the press of Isaiah Thomas jun. Isaac Sturtevant, Printer. 1810.

This two-volume work has always been and undoubtedly always will be the fundamental source of information for the period which it covers. Thomas was a successful printer and publisher, an editor of wide experience, a shrewd observer, and an indefatigable collector of literature bearing upon the printing of books and newspapers. Beginning printing in 1755 he was, for half a century, one of the most active and most able newspaper men of Massachusetts. He had an extensive acquaintance with his contemporaries and his youthful years overlapped the closing years of those who had been

the founders of Massachusetts journalism. His work partakes more of the character of the hasty newsgatherer and gossipy recorder than of the painstaking historian. Much is absent from it that we should be glad to know today and its pages have many inaccuracies. Nevertheless, despite its deficiences, it is invaluable. The History was first published in Worcester in 1810. It was republished in 1874 by Joel Munsell, Albany, N. Y., for the American Antiquarian Society of Worcester, Mass. being volumes V and VI in the Transactions and Collections of that Society. This edition has a memoir of the author by his grandson Benjamin Franklin Thomas; voluminous and valuable explanatory and critical notes by John R. Bartlett, Samuel F. Haven, Joel Munsell and H. G. Jones; and, as an appendix, a "catalogue of publications in what is now the United States, prior to the revolution of 1775—6," compiled by Dr. Samuel F. Haven.

The Life and Errors of John Dunton, Citizen of London; With the lives and characters of more than a thousand Contemporary Divines, and other persons of literary eminence. To which are added, Dunton's Conversation in Ireland; Selections from his other genuine Works: and a faithful portrait of the author. Two vols., London 1818.

Letters Written from New England, A. D. 1686, by John Dunton. In which are described his voyages by sea, his travels on land and the characters of his friends and acquaintances. Now first published from the original manuscript, in the Bodleian Library, Oxford. With notes and an appendix, by W. H. Whitmore. Boston: Published for the Prince Society, 1867.

John Dunton, the eccentric printer and bookseller, visited Boston with an invoice of books to sell, in 1685, and remained in Massachusetts more than a year. He wrote much and spiritedly concerning the people of his time and his pen pictures of those whom he met in Massachusetts add to our knowledge of men and manners of that period. The first edition of his Life and Errors was published in 1705. His Letters Written from New England, edited by W. H. Whitmore, is more full in its descriptions of the Boston printers and booksellers than the London book. Students of early New England life cannot afford to overlook it.

A History of Harvard University from its Foundation in the year 1636, to the period of the American Revolution. By Benjamin Pierce. Cambridge, 1833.

The American Historical Magazine and Literary Record. New Haven, 1836.

Specimens of Newspaper Literature: with Personal Memoirs, Anecdotes, and Reminiscences. By Joseph T. Buckingham. Boston, 1850.

This work is also known as Buckingham's Reminiscences, which title appears on the backbone of the cover. It is in two volumes

and treats of the newspapers of all New England. In the first volume are included the newspapers from 1704 to the close of the Revolution; in the second volume are those subsequent to that time and into the following century. Buckingham was a famous newspaper and magazine editor, from 1799 to 1861, and this work of his, while primarily based on that of Thomas, is enriched with much valuable information derived from examination of original files and from personal knowledge. It amplifies and extends the Thomas History in both biography and bibliography, and corrects some of the errors of its predecessor.

Personal Memoirs and Recollections of Editorial Life. By Joseph T. Buckingham. Two vols., Boston 1852.

Records of the Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England. Printed by Order of the Legislature. Edited by Nathaniel B. Shurtleff, M. D., Member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Member of the American Antiquarian Society. Five vols., Boston, 1853—1854.

Account of the Newspapers and other Periodicals, published in Salem, from 1768 to 1856. By Gilbert L. Streeter. In the Proceedings of the Essex Institute. Salem, Mass., 1856. Vol. I. 1848 to 1856.

This short sketch contains some small particulars which do not appear in the works of Thomas or Buckingham.

Historical Magazine (The), and Notes and Queries concerning the Antiquities, History, and Biography of America. Boston, 1857—1875.

History of New England. By John Gorham Palfrey. Five vols., Boston, 1858—1890.

A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England. By James Savage. Four vols., Boston, 1860—1862.

Biographical Sketches of Loyalists of the American Revolution, with an Historical Essay. By Lorenzo Sabine. Two vols., Boston, 1864.

Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin. By James Parton. Two vols., New York, 1864.

The Life of Benjamin Franklin, written by himself. Now first edited from original manuscripts and from his printed correspondence and other writings. By John Bigelow. Philadelphia, 1874.

The Andros Tracts: being a Collection of Pamphlets and Official Papers issued during the period between the Overthrow of the Andros Government and the Establishment of the Second Charter of Massachusetts. With notes and a Memoir of Sir Edmund Andros. Edited

by W. H. Whitmore. Three vols. Publications of the Prince Society. Boston, 1868—1874.

Biographical Sketches of Graduates of Harvard University, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. By John Langdon Sibley, M. A., Librarian of Harvard University, and Member of the Massachusetts and other Historical Societies. Three vols., Cambridge, 1873.

Journalism in the United States, from 1690 to 1872. By Frederic Hudson. New York, 1873.

Mr. Hudson began his account of journalism in the United States with ancient Rome, Greece and China, and devoted most of his book to the newspaper history of his own time. Consequently he had scant space—98 pages—for the American newspapers of the eighteenth century, and in that part of his work he gives practically very little except what he derived from the pages of Thomas' History and Buckingham's Specimens. He reprinted the Publick Occurrences (not accurately), part of one of John Campbell's manuscript news letters, the domestic items of the first number of The Boston News-Letter, extracts from The Boston Gazette, The New England Courant, and The New York Gazette of William Bradford; gave an account of the libel suit against Peter Zenger in 1734; and treated briefly of the editors, publishers, writers, news and advertisements of the press of the Revolutionary period.

History of Cambridge, Mass. 1630—1877. By Lucius Robinson Paige. Boston, 1877.

Diary of Samuel Sewall. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Fifth Series, Vols. V, VI and VII. Boston, 1878, 1879, 1882.

Curiosities of History. By William W. Wheildon. Boston, 1880.

The Memorial History of Boston, Including Suffolk County, Massachusetts. 1630—1880. Edited by Justin Winsor, Librarian of Harvard University. In Four Volumes. Boston, 1881.

In this work five chapters treat, directly or indirectly, of this subject. These are The Literature of the Colonial Period, by Justin Winsor, vol. I, pp. 453—464; The Indian Tongue and Its Literature, by J. Hammond Trumbull, vol. I, pp. 465—480; The Press and Literature of the Provincial Period, by Delano A. Goddard [then editor of the Boston Daily Advertiser], vol. II, pp. 387—436; The Pulpit, Press, and Literature of the Revolution, by Delano A. Goddard, vol. III, pp. 119—148; and The Press and Literature of the Last Hundred Years, by Charles A. Cummings, vol. III, pp. 617—682.

History and Present Condition of the Newspaper and Periodical Press of the United States, with a Catalogue of the Publications of the Census Year. By S. N. D. North, Special Agent. Washington, Government Printing Office. 1884. [Part of Vol. VIII of the Tenth Census—1880—of the United States.]

Although this is an exhaustive treatment of its subject as a whole, the part relating to the newspapers of the pre-revolutionary period is inadequate and abundant in error. Mr. North did little more than transcribe from Thomas' History and Buckingham's Reminiscenses, and faithfully perpetuated the errors of those writers with the addition of others of his own. His chronological history is of some value, though not as relating to the provincial period. He reprints the catalogue of the newspaper files in the library of the American Antiquarian Society.

Narrative and Critical History of America. Edited by Justin Winsor. Eight vols., Boston, 1886—1889.

Letter-Book of Samuel Sewall. In the Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Sixth Series, Vols. I and II. Boston, 1886 and 1888.

The Cambridge Press. By Andrew McFarland Davis. In the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. April 25, 1888. Worcester, 1888.

Documents Relating to the Colonial History of the State of New Jersey. Edited by William Nelson. Vol. XII. Paterson, N. J., 1895.

This volume carries on its cover the title, New Jersey Archives First Series, and thus the work to which it belongs is commonly known. A bastard title page gives another variant as follows: Archives of the State of New Jersey. A sub-title on the full title page is: Some Account of American Newspapers, particularly of the Eighteenth Century, and Libraries in which they may be found. Part II. Massachusetts. The volume is mainly a reprinting of the news relating to New Jersey, taken from these early newspapers. The "account" of the newspapers is an introduction of 132 pages, historical, biographical and bibliographical, chronologically arranged. Reviewing as it does the newspapers of all the American colonies for the entire eighteenth century, Mr. Nelson's work is the most complete compilation of its kind that has been made. It gives a great amount of information lacking in other authorities, and has reprints of the headings of the newspapers, many in fac-simile; its list of files and libraries, albeit far from complete, and not conveniently arranged, is very valuable.

The Literary History of the American Revolution, 1763—1783. By Moses Coit Tyler. Two vols., New York, 1897.

A List of early American Broadsides, 1680—1800, belonging to the library of the American Antiquarian Society. With an Introduction and Notes by Nathaniel Paine. In the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society. Worcester, Mass., April, 1897.

Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Old Boston and Neighborhood. By Samuel Abbott Green. Boston, Massachusetts, 1901.

This contains an historical account of the publication, Publick Occurrences, September 25, 1690, a fac-simile reproduction of its

three pages and a reprint of the order of suppression by the governor and council.

Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to New England. By Samuel Abbott Green, Boston, Massachusetts, 1902.

This contains an exhaustive and scholarly account of Stephen Daye, of Cambridge, the first American printer, and his work, with reproductions.

Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects. By Samuel Abbott Green. Boston, 1903.

This is the third and concluding volume of the series published under similar title. It contains fac-simile reprints of the title-page of a unique copy of Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress, printed in Boston in 1681; of the broadsides, The Present State of the New-English Affairs, Boston 1689, and Admiral Russel's Letter to the Earl of Nottingham, Boston, 1692; the two pages of both the first and the second edition of the first issue of The Boston News-Letter, April 24, 1704; the two pages of the issue of The New England Courant, for February 11, 1723; and the two pages of the issue of The New England Weekly Journal for April 8, 1728. These reproductions are accompanied with descriptive and critical text by Dr. Green.

American Bibliography, By Charles Evans. A Chronological Dictionary of all Books, Pamphlets and Periodical Publications printed in the United States of America from the Genesis of Printing in 1639 down to and including the year 1820. With Bibliographical and Biographical Notes. Vol. I, 1639—1729; Vol. II, 1730—1750. Chicago, 1903—1904.

The Development of Freedom of the Press in Massachusetts. By Clyde Augustus Duniway, associate professor of history in Leland Stanford Junior University. Vol. XII of Harvard Historical Studies. New York, 1906.

This work treats of the control of the press in England and in Massachusetts from 1638 onward. The assumption of governmental authority over the newspapers of the period, particularly the Publick Occurrences, Campbell's Boston News-Letter, The Boston Gazette, Franklin's New-England Courant, and Fleet's Boston Evening-Post, is well considered. A complete list of sources and titles of secondary authorities adds much to the value of the work.

The Cambridge Press 1638—1692. A History of the First Printing Press Established in English America, Together with a Bibliographical List of the Issues of the Press. By Robert F. Roden. New York, 1905.

Check List of Boston Newspapers, 1704—1780. By Mary Farwell Ayer. With Bibliographical Notes by Albert Matthews. Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. Vol. IX, 1907.

As its name indicates, this is a check list, showing in what principal libraries of the United States the issues of the provincial newspapers, so far as they are known to be in existence, are preserved. It is a work of incalculable value and indispensable to every student of the eighteenth century journalism of Massachusetts. The Bibliographical Notes by Mr. Matthews constitute by far the most interesting, most valuable and most scholarly historical review of the newspapers included in the period covered that has yet been printed. This, combined with the biographical and historical accounts of the printers, publishers and editors, and their work, has left little to be done by any future historian or compiler, except the actual reprinting of the contents of these papers.

The Essex Institute Historical Society. Collections. Forty vols. Salem, Mass., 1859—1907.

Massachusetts Archives. (MSS.) In the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Boston. Vols. 241+3+82. 1622—1788.

Massachusetts Council Records. (MSS.) Executive Proceedings of the Governor's Council. In the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1650—1908. Boston.

Massachusetts Historical Society. Proceedings, Boston, 1879—1909.

Massachusetts Historical Society. Collections. Boston, 1792—1909.

New-England Historical and Genealogical Register, (The). Sixty-three vols. The New-England Historic Genealogical Society. Boston, 1847—1909.

Transcripts (MSS.) of Harvard College Records. By Andrew McFarland Davis. In Harvard College Library.

JOURNAL OF THE Votes and Proceedings OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Of the COLONY of *NEW YORK*. Began the 9th Day of *April*, 1691; AND Ended the 27th of *September*, 1743. Two volumes. Published by Order of the General Assembly. *NEW YORK*. Printed by *Hugh Gaine*, at his Book-Store and Printing-Office at the *Bible & Crown*, in *Hanover Square*. M,DCC,LXIV.

This work is interesting in that it has the exact text of the addresses of the colonial governors, and the legislative enactments, many of which are printed in full or in part—sometimes incorrectly—or are briefly referred to in communications from New York to the News-Letter.

The Acts and Resolves, Public and Private, of the Province of the Mafsachusetts Bay: to which are prefixed the Charters of the Province, with Historical and Explanatory Notes and Appendix. Published under Chapter 87 of the Resolves of the General Court of the Commonwealth for the year 1867. Boston [printed for the State]: 1869—.

Fifteen volumes published (Vol. XV bearing date 1908) covering the Province laws from 1692 to 1756. Other volumes in preparation. The part in which material bearing on the provincial press is to be found is Vol. VIII, being Vol. III of the Appendix, containing Resolves etc. 1703-1707, and is embraced in the Notes to the Resolves, pp. 263-801, prepared by Abner Cheney Goodell, the scholarly first editor of the work. The editor succeeding Mr. Goodell, who declined reappointment in 1900, is Melville Madison Bigelow.

1689-1707

THE PRESENT STATE OF THE NEW-ENGLISH AFFAIRS

PUBLICK OCCURRENCES

THE CAMPBELL NEWS LETTERS

THE BOSTON NEWS-LETTER

The following abbreviations as they are appended beneath the titles of the newspapers included in this Digest indicate libraries in which original copies of the respective issues have been preserved. In each instance the library that contains the copy which has been transcribed for the Digest is specially indicated by initials in black face. The letter m in brackets following initials indicates that the copy preserved in that library is mutilated.

A S = American Antiquarian Society, Worcester, Massachusetts
B A = Boston Athenæum, Boston
B P = Boston Public Library, Boston
B S = Bostonian Society, Boston
C H = Connecticut Historical Society
D C = Dartmouth College Library, Hanover, New Hampshire
E I = Essex Institute, Salem, Massachusetts
G S = New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston
H U = Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts
L C = Library of Congress, Washington
L P = Library Company of Philadelphia
M H = Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston
M S = Massachusetts State Library, Boston
N H = New Jersey Historical Society
N J = New Jersey State Library
N P = New York Public Library, New York
N S = New York State Library
N Y = New York Historical Society, New York
P H = Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
W H = State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
Y U = Yale University

The Present State of the New-English Affairs

A BROADSIDE, brought out in 1689, this publication bears the imprint "Boston, Printed and Sold by *Samuel Green.*" It is a single sheet printed on one side; the paper page is 8 by 14½ inches, while the type page, in two columns, is 6¾ by 12 inches. The first column is filled by the extract from the letter of the Reverend Increase Mather to Governor Simon Bradstreet, dated: "*Sept.* 3, 1689 *from* Deal *in* Kent." In the second column appear "*A Passage extracted from the publick News-Letter*, [of London] Dated *July* 6, 1689"; the extract from Mr. Mather's letter to his son the Reverend Cotton Mather, and the paragraph regarding the overthrow of Andros.

A solitary specimen of this publication has been preserved, and is in the Massachusetts Archives, volume XXXV, page 83, in the State House, Boston. The sheet has been reprinted in the Massachusetts Magazine, Boston, October, 1789, volume I, page 642; in the Collections of the New Hampshire Historical Society, in 1824 and 1866, volume I, pages 252-255 and volume VIII, pages 258-260; and in The Andros Tracts, volume II, pages 15-18. It has also been twice reproduced in fac-simile: first in 1902, by William Green Shillaber of the Club of Odd Volumes, and again in 1903 by Dr. Samuel Abbott Green in his Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects.

With his reproduction Mr. Shillaber refers to the sheet as, "the first attempt at newspaper publication on this side of the Atlantic ocean." Whether or not it is entitled to be regarded as a newspaper, and, therefore, the first in the English colonies of America has ever been a subject of controversy among students. When first reprinted in 1789 it was called "a Handbill or Newspaper Extraordinary." Joel Munsell in 1874, Charles Evans in 1903, and George H. Sargent in 1905 have suggested or contended that it was a newspaper, and argument has been made in support thereof. William H. Whitmore in 1869, Delano A. Goddard in 1881, William Nelson in 1895, Samuel Abbott Green in 1901, Professor Clyde A. Duniway in 1906, and Albert Matthews in 1906 have agreed in characterizing the sheet as a broadside.

The concensus of opinion is that the print was not a newspaper. Strictly speaking it was not even an attempt at a newspaper, an essential distinction of which is successive and regular publication. Still in it was a germ of the coming newspaper. For an extended consideration of this publication and the arguments concerning it, see a paper by Albert Matthews in the Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts, volume X, pages 310-320.

The Present State of the New-English Affairs.

This is Published to prevent False Reports

An Extract of a Letter from Mr. Mather, *To the Govenour, Dated Sept.* 3, 1689 *from* Deal *in* Kent.

THe House of Commons Ordered a Bill to be drawn up for the Restoration of Charters to all Corporations. Some Enemies of *New-England* did bestir themselves on that Occasion. But it has pleased God to succeed Endeavours and Sollicitations here so far, so that *N. E.* is particularly mentioned in the Bill.

It has been read twice, and after that referred unto a Committee for Emendations. What concerns *N. England* passed without any great opposition. The Bill has been in part read the third Time, and the Charters of *N.-Eng.* then also passed without Objection. Only some Additional Clauses respecting Corporations here, caused Debates; so that the Bill is not yet Enacted.

In the latter end of *June*, a Vessel from *Mount Hope* arrived here, which brought your Declaration of *April* 18. with an account of the Revolution in *New-England.* The week after I went to *Hampton Court*, and had the favour to wait on His Majesty, who told me, *That He did accept of, and was well pleased with what was done in* New-England, *and that he would order the Secretary of State to signifie so much, and that His Subjects there should have their Ancient Rights and Priviledges restored to them.*

The King has sent a Gracious Letter (which was delivered to me, and if I return not my self, I shall take care that it be sent to you) bearing Date *August* 12. *Wherein He signifies His Royal Approbation* of what has been done at *Boston*, and assures you that the Government there shall be settled, so as shall be for the Security and Satisfaction of His Subjects in that Colony, and in the mean time bids you go on to Administer the Laws, and manage the Government, according as in your Address you have Petitioned.

My Lord *Mordent* (now Earl of *Monmouth*) bade me assure you that He would be your Friend, and he bade me tell you from him, *That your Charters should be restored to you by Act of Parliament.*

I have been with most of the Kings most Honourable Privy Council, who have promised to befriend *New-England* as there shall be occasion for it. The like I may say, of all the *Leading* men in the Parliament.

I have been in the *Downs* a fortnight, and Aboard Mr. *Clark*, several Nights, but the Wind has been against us. And we now hear that the *New-found-Land* Convoyes (on whose Assistance we had a Dependance) are gone.

Superscribed To the Honourable
Simon Bradstreet, *Esq;*
Governour of the *Massachusets Colony* in *N-England.*

A Passage extracted from the publick News-Letter, Dated July 6. 1689.

THE people of *New England* having made a thorow Revolution, and secured the publick Criminals. On *Thursday* last, the Reverend and Learned Mr. *Mather*, President of the *Colledge*, and Minister of *Boston*, waited on the King; and in a most Excellent Speech laid before His Majesty, the State of that People; saying, *That they were sober, and Industrious, and fit for Martial Service; and all with their Lives and Interests were at His Majesties Command, to tender the same unto His Majesty: That they desired nothing but His Majesties Acceptance of what they had done, and His Protection; and that if His Majesty pleased to encourage and Commission them, He might easily be Emperour of* America. His Majesty assured him, that He was pleased with what was done for Him, and for themselves in the Revolution, and that their Priviledges and Religion should be secured unto them.

Extracted from a Letter of Mr. Mather, to his *Son, Dated* Sept. 2. 1689.

On *July* 4. The King said unto me, *That He did kindly Accept of what was done in* Boston. *And that His Subjects in* New-England *should have their Ancient Rights and Priviledges Restored and Confirmed unto them.* Yea, He told me, *That if it were in his power to cause it to be done it should be done*, and bade me rest assured of it.

The *Charter-Bill* is not finished, because some Additional Clauses respecting Corporations here in *England* caused a Debate; and the Parliament is for some weeks Adjourned.

Besides the Letter from the Kings Majesty, whereof we have notice as above; there is now arrived, an Order from His Majesty to the Government, bearing Date, *July* 30. 1689.

Requiring, *That Sir* Edmund Andross, Edward Randolph, *and others, that have been Seized by the people of* Boston, *and shall be at the Receipt of these Commands, Detained there, under Confinement, be sent on Board the first Ship, bound to* England, *to answer what may be objected against them.*

Public Occurrences

UNTIL the single known copy of The Present State of the New-English Affairs came to light in 1789[1] this print of Publick Occurrences was regarded as the first news publication of the English colonies in the Western Hemisphere. Even now the distinction of being the first attempt to start a newspaper in the colonies must be accorded it for, undoubtedly, the publishers intended to continue it regularly had it not fallen under the ban of the government. It is a small quarto printed on three sides of a folded sheet, two columns to the page, the paper page being 7½ by 11½ inches and the type pages, the first, 5⅞ by 10¾, the second, 5⅝ by 10⅜, and the third, 5⅞ by 10⅝ inches. It has for a colophon, "Printed by Richard Pierce for Benjamin Harris."

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"Sept. 25. A printed sheet entituled publick Occurences comes out, which gives much distaste because not Licensed; and because of the passage referring to the French King and the Maquas [Mohawks].

"Oct. 1. Print of the Governour and Council comes out shewing their disallowance of the Public Occurrences.

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Elsewhere, under the same date, Judge Sewall again refers to "the first sheet of Occurrences, which came out this day."[3]

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1 Reprinted in the Massachusetts Magazine (Boston), for October, 1789.
2 Diary of Samuel Sewall. Vol. I, pp. 332-333.
3 Letter-Book of Samuel Sewall. Vol. I, p. 112.

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By order of the Governour & Council.

Isaac Addington, Secr.

Boston, September 29*th* 1690.

So far as is known only one copy of this publication is now in existence and that is preserved in the Public Office in London. There it rested in musty archives for more than a century until, in 1845 or 1846, it was discovered by the Reverend Joseph Barlow Felt, librarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society (then in England as an agent of the state of Massachusetts to secure duplicates of various documents whose originals had been lost), and briefly described by him.[4] It was examined and copied in London in 1856 by Dr. Samuel Abbott Green of the Massachusetts Historical Society (later librarian), and reprinted by him the following year in a Boston magazine.[5] The same year (1857) an expurgated copy from this magazine was reprinted by the National Intelligencer of Washington. Sixteen years later a similar reprint was made in Frederic Hudson's History of Journalism. Mr. Hudson's reprint may fairly be regarded as one of the curiosities of historical literature for, following the example of the National Intelligencer, he was superserviceably scrupulous in expurgating certain matter which he seemed to fear might be deemed objectionable to some, even though he thereby sacrificed historical accuracy. Another expurgated copy was printed in a Boston newspaper in 1897.[6] It was reproduced in fac-simile for the first time by Dr. Green in 1901.[7]

Benjamin Harris for whom the Publick Occurrences was printed was a bookseller of note in London before he came to Boston. At one period of his life he was a close friend and a business associate of the eccentric John Dunton, who wrote concerning him:[8]

"He has been a brisk asserter of *English Liberties*, and once printed a Book with that very Title. He sold 'A Protestant Petition' in King Charles's Reign, for which they fined him five pounds, and set him once in the Pillory: but his Wife, (like a kind Rib) stood by him, to defend her Husband against the mob.—After this (having a deal of mercury in his natural temper) he travelled to New-England, where he followed Bookselling, and then Coffeeselling, and then Printing, but continued Ben Harris still; and is now both Bookseller

4 Annals of Salem, by Joseph B. Felt. Second Edition. Salem, 1849 Vol. II, p. 14.

5 The Historical Magazine. Boston, August, 1857. Vol. I, pp. 228-231.

6 The National Intelligencer, Washington, D. C., September 3, 1857; Journalism in the United States From 1690 to 1872, by Frederic Hudson, 1873, pp. 44-48; The Boston Globe, March 4, 1897.

7 Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Old Boston and Neighborhood. Boston, 1901.

8 Life and Errors of John Dunton. London, 1818, Vol. I, p. 216.

and Printer in Gracechurch-street, as we find by his 'London Post'; so that his conversation is general (but never impertinent), and his wit pliable to all inventions. But yet his *vanity*, (if he has any) gives no alloy to his wit, and is no more than might justly spring from conscious virtue; and I do him but justice in this part of his character, for, in once travelling with him from Bury fair, I found him to be the most ingenious and innocent companion that I had ever met with."

Again, Dunton, when in Boston, hearing of Harris' intention of "coming over hither" wrote:[9]

"To speak the Truth, Mr. Benj. Harris has had many good Thoughts, tho' he has wanted the Art of improving 'em; and could he fix his Mercury a little, and not be so volatile, he wou'd do well enough."

In Boston, in 1690, Harris was established "at the London Coffee House, near the Town House," where he sold Cotton Mather's Wonderful Works of God Commemorated. His connection with the Publick Occurrences did not permanently place him under official disapproval for two years later he had the following commission:

"By his excellency—I order Benjamin Harris to print the Acts and Laws made by the Great and General Court, or Assembly of their Majesties Province of Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, that we the People may be informed thereof.

"Boston, December 16, 1692. WILLIAM PHIPPS."

In 1694 he was at "The Sign of the Bible Over-against the Blew-Anchor" tavern. Soon after he returned to London and resumed business there. As publisher of the London Post he incurred the disfavor of many, including his former friend Dunton, who now wrote of him;[10]

"I should have been much concerned if Ben Harris had given me a good word, for his commendation is the greatest reproach that an honest man can meet with. He is so far from having any dealings with Truth and Honesty, that his solemn word, which he calls as good as his bond, is a studied falsehood, and he scandalizes Truth and Honesty in pretending to write for it. His 'London Post,' or weighing of Truth and Honesty, resembles the Bird of Athens; for it seems to be made up of face and feathers; for setting aside his Billingsgate language and hunting up and down the world for any occasion of venting his fulsome slander, there is very little of wit or honesty in him, but what he hath stolen from 'The Wandering Spy,' or his own hypocritical heart. . . . . And had he called me 'honest man,' I should have thought it a great slander; but, seeing he has the boldness to acknowledge he called me Knave, were I to assign his punishment, that Harris might see how much I forgave him, he should only be lashed every Monday and Friday, the two days he published the 'London Post' at his own door, by the common hangman; and every Monday and Thursday own himself a knave and coward, &c.

9 Letters From New England, p. 144.
10 Life and Errors of John Dunton. Vol. II, pp. 465-466.

in the 'London Gazette,' till such time he had asked pardon of Dr. Partridge, John Dunton and the other persons he wronged in the 'London Post.' Or should he escape doing penance in the printed sheets, yet we shall find him a second time in the pillory, with his Wife, like a kind rib, standing by, to defend him against the mob."

Richard Pierce who printed the Publick Occurrences was, according to Thomas, the fifth printer in Boston.[11] Little is known of him, except that he was probably a printer of London and came to New England after 1679. As late as 1695 he was in business in Boston. He married, August 27, 1680, Sarah Cotton, daughter of the Reverend Seaborn Cotton.[12]

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11 History of Printing. Vol. I, p. 89.
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A very *Tragical Accident* happened at *Water-Town*, the beginning of this Month, an *Old man*, that was of somewhat a Silent and Morose Temper, but one that had long Enjoyed the reputation of a *Sober* and a *Pious Man*, having newly buried his Wife, The Devil took advantage of the Melancholy which he thereupon fell into, his Wives discretion and industry had long been the support of his Family, and he seemed hurried with an impertinent fear that he should now come to want before he dyed, though he had very careful friends to look after him who kept a strict eye upon him, least he should do himself any harm. But one evening escaping from them into the Cowhouse, they there quickly followed him found him *hanging by a Rope*, which they had used to tye their *Calves* withal, he was dead with his feet near touching the Ground.

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Altho' *Boston* did a few weeks ago, meet with a Disaster by *Fire*, which consumed about *twenty Houses* near the *Mill-Creek*, yet about midnight, between the sixteenth and seventeenth of this Instant, *another Fire* broke forth near the *South-Meeting-House*, which consumed about five or six houses, and had almost carried the Meeting-house it self, one of the fairest Edifices in the Country, if God had not remarkably assisted the Endeavours of the People to put out the Fire. There were two more considerable Circumstances in the Calamities of this Fire, one was that a young man belonging to the House where the Fire began, unhappily perished in the Flames; it seems that tho' he might sooner awake than some others who did escape, yet he some way lost those Wits that should have taught him to help himself. Another was that the best furnished PRINTING-PRESS, of those few that we know of in *America*, was lost; a loss not presently to be repaired.

There lately arrived at *Piscataqua*, one *Papoon* from *Penobscot*, in a small Shallop, wherein he had used to attend upon the pleasure of *Casteen*, but took his oportunity to run away, and reports: That a Vessel of small Bulk bound from *Bristol* to *Virginia*, having been so long at Sea, till they were prest with want, put in at *Penobscot* instead of *Piscataqua*, where the *Indians* and *French* seized her, and Butchered the Master, and several of the men: but that himself who belonged unto the Ships Crew, being a *Jersey*-man, was more favourably used, & found at length an advantage to make his Escape.

The chief discourse of this month has been about the affairs of the Western Expedition against *Canada*. The *Albanians*, *New-Yorkers* and the *five Nations* of *Indians*, in the *West*, had long been pressing of the *Massachusets* to make an Expedition by Sea, into *Canada*, and still made us believe, that they stayed for us, and that while we assaulted *Quebeck*, they would pass the *Lake*, and by Land make a Descent upon Mount *Real*. Accordingly this Colony with some assistance from our kind Neighbours of *Plimouth;* fitted an Army of near *five and twenty hundred men*, and a Navy of two and thirty Sail; which went from hence the beginning of the last *August*, under the Command of the Honourable Sir *William Phips*.

In the mean time the *English* Colonies & Provinces in the West raised Forces, the Numbers whereof have been reported five or six hundred. The Honourable General *Winthrop* was in the Head of these, and advanced within a few miles of the *Lake;* He there had some good number of *Maqua's* to joyn his Forces, but contrary to his Expectation, it was found that the Canoo's to have been ready for the Transportation of the Army over the *Lake*, were not prepared, and the other Nations of Indians, that should have come to this *Campaign*, sent their Excuses, pretending that the Small-pox was among them,

and some other Trifles. The General Meeting with such vexing disappointments, called a Councel of War, wherein 'twas agreed, That it was impossible for them to Prosecute their Intended Expedition. However he dispatched away the *Maqua's* to the *French Territories*, who returned with some Success, having slain several of the *French*, and brought home several Prisoners, whom they used in a manner too barbarous for any *English* to approve. The General coming back to *Albany*, there happened a misunderstanding, between him and the Lieutenant Governour of *New-york* which occasioned much discourse, but produced not those effects which were feared of it. Where lay the bottom of these miscarriages is variously conjectured, if any people further West than *Albany*, have been Tampering with the Indians, to desert the business of *Canada*, we hope time will discover it. And if Almighty God will have *Canada* to be subdu'd without the assistance of those miserable Salvages, in whom we have too much confided, we shall be glad, that there will be no Sacrifice offered up to the Devil, upon this occasion; God alone will have all the Glory.

'Tis possible, we have not so exactly related the Circumstances of this business, but this Account, is as near exactness, as any that could be had, in the midst of many various reports about it.

Another late matter of discourse, has been an unaccountable destruction befalling a body of *Indians*, that were our Enemies. This body of *French Indians* had a Fort somewhere far up the River, and a party of *Maqua's* returning from the *East Country*, where they have at a great rate pursued and terrified those *Indians* which have been invading of our *North-East Plantations*, and Killed their General *Hope Hood* among the rest; resolved to visit this Fort; but they found the Fort ruined, the Canoo's cut to pieces, and the people all either Butchered or Captived. This gave them no little surprise, and they gave the *English* this account of it. That a body of *Maqua's* lately returning from the Spoil of *Canada* brought several *French Prisoners* with them; That calling at this Fort in their way, the *Indians* there seeing themselves unable to resist them did pass divers Complements with them and partake of their Booties, That a *French* Captive after this, escaping from the *Maqua's* informed the *French* that these *Indians* had revolted unto the *Maqua's*, and hereupon the *French* or their *Indians* made a sudden Sally forth upon them, and utterly destroyed them, tho' they were in reality of their own party still.

Two *English Captives* escaped from the hands of *Indians* and *French* at *Pascadamoquady*, came into *Portsmouth* on the sixteenth Instant & say, That when Capt. *Mason* was at *Fort Real*, he cut the faces, and ript the bellies of two *Indians*, and threw a third Over board in the sight of the *French*, who informing the other *Indians* of

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These two Captives escaped in a Shallop, which our Enemies intended to have set out with all the Circumstances of a Fishing Shallop but to have indeed fill'd it with *Indians* that should have Clap^t^d on board any *English* Vessel that came in their way; They say that about three or four weeks ago, some *Indians* were coming this way to War, but crossing a path which they supposed to be of the *Maqua's*, they followed it until they discovered a place where some Canoo's were making, whereupon twenty *Kennebeck Indian*-Warriors went to look further after the business, who never yet returned. Which gives hope that they may come short home, but upon this the *Squaws* are sent to *Penobscot*, and the men stand on their Defence.

Portsmouth Sept. 20*th.* Two days since arrived here a small Vessel from *Barbaboes*, in which is a Letter to Captain *H. K.* of 19*th August* that speaks thus,

Christophers is wholly taken from the *French* as also a small Island called *Stacia;* we are very strong in Shipping, and our Ships of War are now gone for *Tobago*, a very good place to shelter from any Storms, after the suspicious months are over, they will Attack the rest of the *French* places. We have News here that K. *William* is safe arrived in *Ireland*, and is marched with *one hundred and forty thousand Foot and Horse. Himself leads the Body*, Duke *Scomburgh* the right Wing, and the Earl of *Oxford* the left Wing, Duke *Hamilton* of *Scotland* leads the forlorn Hope with *ten thousand men* under him. Great victory they dayly have, and much people dayly come in to him, with submission: He has 200 Shipping with him of one sort or other, above one hundred Sail dayly run between *Ireland* and *England*, with meat for Man and Beast; His Majesty being unwilling to trust false *Ireland* for it. *France* is in much trouble (and fear) not only with us but also with his Son, who has revolted against him lately, and has great reason if reports be true, that the *Father used to lie with the Sons Wife.* He has got all the *Hugonots*, and all the dissatisfied Papists, with the great force of the D. of *Lorraign*, and are now against him, resolving to to depose him of his life and Kingdom.

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From *Plimouth Sept.* 22. We have an Account that on *Friday* the 12*th* Instant, in the night, our Forces Landing privately, forthwith surrounded *Pegypscot* Fort; but finding no Indians there, they March'd to *Amonoscoggin.* There on the Lords-day, they kill'd and took 15 or 16 of the Enemy, and recovered five *English* Captives,

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On *Tuesday*, the Army came to our Vessels at *Macquoit*, but one of the Vessels touching a Ground stopt a Tide; by which means, young *Bracket*, who was a considerable distance up the River, above *Amonoscoggin* Fort, being advised by an Indian that ran away from *Amonoscoggin*, that an *English* Army was there attempted his Escape, and came down to the Sloop, just as they came on their Sail.

On Thursday, they landed at *Saco;* a Scout of 60 men of ours discover a party of the Enemy, and had the Advantage of killing three of them, and of taking *nine Canoos*, and an English captive named, *Thomas Baker*, who informed, that the Enemy had left a considerable Plunder at *Pegypscut*-Plains, which he supposed the *Enemy* was gone to secure. Whereupon the Army immediately embark'd, and arriving there that night, the next morning found the Bever-Plunder accordingly.

While our Vessels where at Anchor in *Cascoe-Bay*, our Auxiliary Indians lodging on shore, and being too careless in their Watch, the Enemy made an Attaque upon them. The *English* forth with repair'd to their Relief; but were sorely galled, by an Embuscado of Indians, The Enemy soon quitted the Field, escaping with their *Canoo's*, whereof ours took several. In the Surprise, we lost 9 men, and had about 20 wounded; the blow chiefly fell on our dear *Friends*, the *Plimouth Forces*, 15 being kill'd and wounded of Captain *Southworth's* Company.

The Campbell News Letters

DURING the year of 1703 John Campbell, who was then postmaster of Boston and subsequently established The Boston News-Letter, sent to the governors of the several New England colonies manuscript letters in which he gave the latest news received by him from abroad, local items of Boston, and reports received from other American colonies. Twelve of these letters are now preserved in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society. Nine were printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, in March 1867, volume 9, pages 485-501. Nine other manuscript news-letters of this period, and of earlier dates, were printed in the Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society for February 1873, volume 12, pages 419-427. The earliest of these is "An Extract of a Letter: from Cambridge, Dat: Ap^{ll} 4th 66." And to this is added, "An other Extract of a Letter Ap^{ll} 11th 66 from Boston." Others bear dates as follows: Philadelphia, June 5, 1699; Boston June 19, 1699; New York, April 29, 1700; Boston, May 6, 1700; Boston, May 28, 1700; Boston, June 14, 1703, and Boston, October 4, 1703. Most of these are addressed to Governor John Winthrop of Connecticut. That dated Boston, May 28, 1700 is signed by Duncan Campbell, and that of October 4, 1703 is endorsed as "Mr. John Campbells Newes." The writers of others of these letters are not now known.

John Campbell was of Scotch ancestry. He was in Boston in 1695 and died March 4, 1728. He was president of the Scots Charitable Society, 1727-28. In The Boston News-Letter of March 7, 1728, was this paragraph: "On Monday evening last, the 4th Currant, about 8 a Clock died here John Campbell, Esq., Aged 75 years, formerly Post Master in this Place, Publisher of the Boston News-Letters for many years, and One of his Majesties Justices of the Peace for the Country of Suffolk."

Duncan Campbell was John Campbell's brother, and a bookseller. Of him John Dunton writes:

"I rambled to the Scotch Bookseller, one Campbel: He is a brisk young Fellow, that dresses All-a-mode, and sets himself off to the best Advantage; and yet thrives apace. I am told (and for his sake I wish it may be true) that a Young Lady of Great Fortune has married him. He's an Industrious Man and saw me often." [1]

He married Susanna Porter, daughter of William and Grace (Pitts) Porter. In his later years he gave up bookselling and became a merchant. When he died in 1703 he left an estate of about £900. He was one of the earliest postmasters of Boston and seems to have

1 Letters from New England. By John Dunton; p. 80.

held that office in 1693, for in that year he petitioned the General Court for a salary. His brother, John Campbell, succeeded him. Interesting reference to him is in Goodell's Notes to the Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, volume 7, pages 429, 434 and 500.

Our reprint of these letters is of the American items, or those bearing upon American, or Colonial affairs.

Philadelphia, June ye 5th 1699

About ye Middle of Last Week a Sloop belonging to this place arrived from Carrolina brought in wth ye two Priveteers that Came Last from Madagascar, One of wch went out Capt: Kidds Doctor from New york, but Left Kidds Vessell many months since at Madagascar, They were both Taken and sent to prison ye Same night they Came vp and their mony Secur'd two more were Taken at New Castle who had Taken passage on board Capt: Codman for New England and their mony Seized The Sloop that brought y^m: is also Seiz'd—
They w^th: a great many more Came passengers from Madagascar w^th: one Capt: Shelly belonging to N: york Severall of y^m are desperss'd about our Bay, especially about Cape May, Govern^r: Bass, & Capt: Smead who is Deputy Judge of ye Court of Admiralty are gone Down in a Sloop w^th: Expectation of taking them—the Privateers have made great shares of mony Capt: Shelly plys of and on expecting Vessells from New york, A Messeng^r: sent from Cape May for N: york w^th: Lett^rs: to Shellys owners (as is said) vpon advice was persued & Taken and his Lett^rs: Taken and open'd and he Secured at Burlington, the Lett^rs: forwarded by an Express to Govr Bass.
Tis said M^r: Graverodd has Severall on board his Sloop for Verginia.
Last night we have Advice of a Pink Arrived at New Castle from Barbad^s: 4 weeks passage I have not the Letters from her yett I send for y^m: to day Shee is to Tarry some days at New Castle As they Came w^th: in our Capes a Sloop Came vp wth y^m Sayld Round y^m ask y^m Some Questions y^n went off and Came to Anchor at the Horchills they had about 50 Men on board, They are some have made a Voyage and wants to Come in, there Capt: name is Davis Some one Board the Pink kneu him—

[Written on the margin of this letter:]
tis Governour Bass Jntercepted the letter to Shelleys Owner & broke itt Open as itt is said in New Yorke.

[On the back:] Boston June ye 19. 1699
Last thursday Capt Kid came in to Road Island harber ye Governour sent ye Collector in a boat wth about 30. men well armed in order to goe on board but Kid shot 2 great Guns wch caused ye Col-

lector to retreat. Kids Sloope has 10. Gun's 8. Patteraroes
I shall be able to give a further acco^{t} by ye next.

New Yorke April 29th 1700

I am thankfull for yours of the 22^{d} Instant, and what News is here, is Contained in the following acc^{ott}

From Philadelf. we have advice, that 2 Ships From London and one From Bristoll, are arrived there but bring no News.
on Sattarday Last the Newport from Sandyhooke A crusing & Capt Simmons for London; Capt Gill will saill for London tomorrow or next day & Capt Bond in 10 or 12 Days Capt Keeler has Bills for London

on Satterday arived Phillidelphia Post w^{t} whom Came Coll Quarry & The Deputy Shereffe who brought w^{t} him one Brown Co^{ll} Markham Son-in-Law, he was one of Emrys men as itt was Said and goes home w^{t} ye Rest

Yesterday Arrived A Barguentine from ye Bay of Compechy John Trimingham master 30 Days passage he informs y^{t} Bermudos Sloops were taken by A pyrate Comming out of ye Bay in Sight of him, y^{t} Last week about thirty Leagus off ye Capes of Virginia he saw a Ship att Sea Desabled and Comming up w^{t} her found She was A Ship of about 150 tuns bound from Leverpoole to Virginia who had been taken by A Pyrate on Sunday ye 20th Instant, ye master of ye Ship Informed Trimingham y^{t} ye pyrate is A Ship of 24 Gunns & 150 men y^{t} 3 days befor he was taken A pinke bound from london to Virginia which pinke they maned w^{t} fifty men and take this Leverpool Ship and after they had plundered of what they Pleased they Cutt down all his masts & bolt Split and So Left him when Trimingham mett him they had made mastes of ther yards and top masts & now standing in for Virginia ye Pyrate Carryd away ye Carpenter and one man more but who Commands this pyrat they Cannot Lern, ye Saim pyrat has likwise taken A New England Sloop of six Guns.

Boston may ye 6 1700

The Above is A Coppy of A News Letter I had by ye Last post No News offers hear, Capt Rugells from Meves arived hear yesterday

Boston May ye 28. 1700

Honble S^{r}

The Last Thursday Capt Green arrived here 8. weeks passa^{ge} from London & 6 weeks from Cows. Y^{e} same day arrived a Ship 5 weeks passage from Plimoth Capt [blank] Commander, brings news y^{t} ye advice man of war was arrived in 3 weeks at Bristol wth Capt Kidd & all ye Prisoners y^{t} went home wth Capt Wine it

is reported y^{t} ye Parliament has petissioned ye King to putt of Capt Kids Triall till ye next Sessions of Parliam^{t}

[Foreign news items follow.]

Last Saturday arrived here Capt Morris in ye Unquort wth ye Prisnors from New-York.

Admirall Benbo intends to Saile for London this week.

There is Severall vessels arrived from Madera ffiall & ye west Indies. Capt Robison Came out of London wth Capt Green & is dayly expected here Capt Jeffery was bound for New York about ye Same time

Advice from New-York ye Last post of ye misfortune at Callidonia Viz. Capt Campbel one of ye Councel who, arived Last thursday, Saith y^{t} he arived 8 dayes before ye Spanish blocked up ye port at Callidonia. 3 days after his arival he Comanded a partie of 170. wth some few gentlemen voluntiers (who were all ye men in ye Collony y^{t} were fitt for service) to march to Arctaba where they und^{r}stood 900. Spanyards South Sea men were come to fall upon them by Land, after 2 daies march he came up wth with them who Lay in a palisad fortification, whom he atac^{kd} kild about a 100 of them took their Camp & gave them a total rout The Governour of St Maries an old Spanish Soldier Lay in great fear Leaving only eight men wth him, ye gentlemen Voluntiers pursued ye Spanyards till night gave no quarter. 9 of ye Scots w^{r} kild most of them gentlemen ye Sanyards had laid at their Approach two Ambuscadoes who took all their bagg & baggage ye Governo^{rs} plate & six pound of Gold dust At theire return back to ye fortification they found 3000. Spanish Souldiers Landed wth 15 Saile of Ships of war who lay two moneths of ye harbers mouth to prevent provitions Coming to their relief. There people being most of them Sick & their want of provisions fourced them to Surrender on Articles Viz: That they Should depart wth all they had & if any of their Ships Should com wthin 6 moneth they Should have wood & water & depart in peace.

One Capt Tho. Droumand one of ye former Councel in a Small Ship of 6 guns & 13 men met wth a Spanish man of war of 20. guns ingaiged for four howers & fought his way thro ye fleet & got in to Callidonia being Laden wth provissions but ye fourt was Surrendred before he Came This is ye Substance of w^{t} offers from

Your honours
After p^{r}usual I beg most humble
Yo^{r} hon^{rs} favour to Send Servant
it to ye postmaster m^{r} Chandler Duncan Campbell

[Superscribed] To The Honourable Coll. Winthrop
free Governour of Connetticut at New-London

Boston, Aprill 12th 1703

Last Week arrived A Vessell from ffyall and tells that about nine Week's from this time Two Vessells arrived from Scotland and one from Corke in Ireland, that gave an Acco$^{t.}$ that the union between England and Scotland was concluded upon and said master from ffyall sayes he see it in publick prints

Cap$^{t.}$ Smith In the Gospert ffrigett from Jamacia Arrived here also Last Week, and by him are Informed of the union being Concluded upon, he came from Jamaica about midle or tenth of March

Wee do apprehend that the union is only agreed upon by the Commissioners which if true will be a great Step, Towards both parliam$^{ts.}$ Concluding it, being the Commissioners are Some of the greatest men of both nations.

They Talk from Jamaica, of the Spainards Sueing for a peace, That about 20 Grandees were come to Portugale, to get the King of Portugale to Interceed with her Maj$^{e.}$ of England to appoint Plenipotentiary to mediat. Capt Lawrence is arrived at Rhoad Island & a Bermudus Sloop, both Privateers, who In Comp^{a} with Capt Blue an other privateer took a Spanish Ship of 8 guns, Loaden with Canary and Brandy, and other goods, bound for the Havanna, who had on board 12 families consisting of above 130 Soules, The Prisoners they put on Shoare in N. Spain, all to about 7. The Three Consorts put 17 men an a Quarter master on board, Capt Blue Attended her with his Sloop or vessell, The Prize is not yet arrived—The Prize Said to Come from Spain, and touched at the Canary's.

Cap$^{t.}$ Southack with our Westarn fleet, arrived Yesterday.

Capt Delbridge will Sayle for London In 20 days Ten guns; & Capt Dows lyke guns In a moneth.

[Written on the third page of this letter sheet.]

Hono^{ble} Sir

Boston, April 12th 1703

I'm favoured with yor ho^{rs} of the 9 Instant.—Came in too day about ii aclocke & do dispatch him again at ffive because should have no excuise to hinder his Coming In on Satturday so have no tyme, either for selfe or man to go to Mad^{m} Richards but the Letter I sent thaire Two days after its receipt.

on other Syde is what occurred, with the Inclosed print, and with humble service am

S^{r} Yo^{r} ho^{rs} humble Servt

Jno Campbell.

Go^{r} Winthrop [New London, Connecticut][2]

2 Indorsed by Governor Winthrop: "Publick occurrences & the adres to her Maj. April 12th 1703."

Boston Aprill 27th 1703.

On the 20th Instant Arrived a sloop from Antegua in 25 Dayes one Loyd Mr brings an accot that Collo Coddington with 3000 Islanders and about 2000 English souldiers Landed in Guardelupia had Taken the Island all but the fort having Lost about 200 men by an Ambusscado of Negros when this Sloop came away the Bloody flagg was hung up, and our men had gott 5 ps of Ordinance playing upon it and Every shott did Execution and they were a going to have 15 ps more to bear upon it, and the fourt could bear but 5 upon us, and was thought wee should Carry it in aday or Two at farthest The Earle of Peterborough was daylie Exspected with a Squadron of men of warr and Land forces in order to joyne the Islandrs to attaque Martinico.

ffrom King Saile Janry 22d a Passenger went hence in the Orsell frigett a mercht man one Capt Thomas Commandr writts that on the 18th Instant 10 Leagues from Silley after a Whole Dayes Chase the Count Tholons of St Maloes 36 guns 300 men came up wth us to whom wee were forced to Strike having one man kill'd and an other wounded, and the Ship much Damaged. Her Majes Ship the Dover and Munck hearing the Guns and Seeing the Smoak made After it and about 11 at Night recovered the Orsell frigett, and Next morning the Monk got up wth the Privateer and gave him Two broad Sydes but Loosing his main top Gallant mast and fore top mast it caused Monsr to Sing Te Deum or the Song of Victory, but the successful Dover manadged her self better, and about Two a Clocke in the After noon getts up with the Privateer and After 3 hours Obstinate fighting and the Death of 40 men and 30 odd wounded (most of which ar since Dead) took her in whom wee were Prisoners. The Privateer was Brought in here this Night though never a mast standing and 20 of the best of her guns being thrown over board by Badd Weather the very night she was Taken—The Dover Lost not one Drop of blood by him Except one man that accidently fell over board, she came out of St Maloes but 6 Dayes before she took us, her burthen is between 400 & 500 Tuns & Reckoned the best man'd Privateer In France. She came out in Compa wth an other of 40 guns, to whom god send the same success too. The Dover had but 183 men, hardly so bigg as ye Monsr, only had 50 guns though could use but 25 of ym ye wind blowing fresh. Ther was found on board The Privateer the journall of T S. of Boston with severell Letters for Mr Lillie from the Bay.

The Packett boat from Lisbone Came in here brings news that a Dutch man of warr hath Taken a french man of warr of 50 guns.

The Lark Guiney man from Bbados In her Passage home meett 3 french Barkies, the Biggest about 3 or 400 Tun—A New Hagg boat with 16 french on board The Lark had but 16 guns and 17 men and with the help of ye french men brought her saif to Galloway.

ffryday the 23^d^ Instant, being tthe Queen's Coronation Day, His Excy Coll^o^. Dudley being attended by the Troop of Gaurds, came from Roxbury between 12 & one a Clocke, when all ye guns were Discharged from the Castle Battery's the man of warr, Gally, and ship in the Road, and After having Dined with the honoble Coll^o^ Povey our Liv^t^ Governour with Severall Gentlemen came to the Town house and Drunck her Maje^s^ healths, &^c^.

On Satturday the 24th Arrived one Kimball ffrom ffyall tells us still of ye union being Concluded between England and Scotland and that the Portuguese have declaired warr against france and Spain.

The Prize at Rhoad Island is Said to have on board 100 Pipes of Canary, 50 Pipes of Malmsy 30 Caske of Brandy, Some Almonds and Razons, what money Plate or Silks they had was shared before any Condemnation.

Philadelphia Aprill 13th they writt that on Satturday Last Arrived a Gentleman from Maryland brings the following news, That 40 Sayle of West Countrey men were arrived in Maryland and Virginia about 7 Weeks Passage—two men of warr Conveyed them from Corke in Ireland—[Foreign news items follow.]

That the London fleett for Virginia is not to Sail till Latter end of June under Convey of 4 men of warr, and a fire Ship

The Galloon proved not so Rich in plate as was Exspected, but very Rich in other valuable goods as cocheneal &c. one was not brock up Supposed to be very rich.

N yorke 19th Instant Arrived a Sloop in 12 Dayes from Burmudus, that Go^r^ writts My Lord Cornbury, that the Earle of Petterborough was Arrived at Antegua.

Capt Simmons will Sail in 10 or 12 Dayes for London—that they have news of ye union between the Two Kingdomes from Philadelphia, by vessells to Maryland.

Boston—Capt Delbrige will Sail within 3 weeks for London Capt Dowse in about a month Cap^ts^ Gillam, Coram & Robertson about 2 months.

Boston May the 3^d^ 1703

By a Vessell from ffyall An Edinburgh Gazet of Decem^r^ 7: acquaints us, [details of the negotiations for the union between the two kingdoms].

Capt Alden from Lisbone in 33 dayes Arrived the 28. brings the following news in Gazet's votes of Parliamt the Postman and News Letters vizt [A considerable batch of foreign items follows of dates, Octor 10—Novemr 23. Under the last date is this item of domestic import: Letters from St Maloes Rochell and other places concerned in ye West Indies and Newfoundland ffishery say that the Cheif traders are Intirely ruined and forced to Abscond by reason their ships so Taken hardly one of 30 Escap'd.]

Lond° Novr 26: Letters from Holland Say that 3 Regiments were ready to Embarke for the West Jndies on board 12 men of warr—

[Additional foreign news is given under this, and later dates—between Decr 3d and Janry 12.]

Lond° Janry 14 The E of Petterborough will sail for Jamaica In a few Dayes

[Another considerable batch of foreign matter follows under dates Janry 16—Febry 11.]

Lond° Febry 16. Admirll Graydon is Appointed to Succeid Admirll Benbow for the West Jndies with all Speed

Sr Stafford fairborne is for ever made incapable of any Sea Command for Declining to goe to the West Jndies—[Other foreign items.]

Lond° Febry 18: The Brazill fleett to Portugale is Said to be Worth 2 Millions

Dampier wth 2 Ships of 26 guns is Sailed for the South Seas wth the Queen's Commission [Other foreign items.]

Boston Capt Delbridge Will Sail for Lond° within a fourthnight and Capt Dowse with in a Month, Capts Gillam, Coram and Robertson Jn 2 months.

Capt Jn° Bennett in a Ship 100 Tuns 4 guns men Answerable Sails for Barbados in 6 Weeks.

The Prize Ship of 150 Tuns wth her Loading at Rhoad Jsland will be Exposed to Sail on Thursday the ii Jnstant—

[Addressed]
To The Honble
John Winthrop Esqr
Governour of Conecticut
N London

ffrank

[Indorsed]
Publick Occurrences
May 3d 1703

Boston, May 17th 1703.

Last week arrived here a sloop from Jamaica whereby are Informed, Admirall Whetston with his Squadron are bound hither, ffor some action again our Adversarys, to the Northward of us.

Last week also arrived Capt Ransfoord from Barbados, and by Letters of the 13th April Said, Wee have taken Guardelup all but a fort, wch wee Intend to Scale in a few days, Wee have Lost by report above 500 men already:—others Letters Say They daylie expect a Squadron of men of warr with 8000 men to Assist Generall Coddingtoun

Last week also arrived here Capt Jarvies ffrom Nevis, about 20 days passage, Says wee have Lost at Guardelup neir 700 men Wee have taken all both fort and Castle, excepting one ffort In the Top of a mountain, that there is no passage to it but over a bridge, and that there is no way to conquer the enemy, but by Starving them Jt's said the Generall has gone to Bbados for more men, and Jf do not send'm will Dissert the place, others Say he is resolved to conquer them, err Leaue it. No Quarter is given on either Syde, The ffrench first begun it, ffor one of our men was found mangl'd with this Jnscription upon his breast, No Quarter for a Criolian—Some say our men of warr, were of kin to Admirall Benbow's Capts., were afraid, Jf they shot at the fforts, the fforts would Shoott at them again & Spoyle their masts, and saying one of their masts was worth the whole Island, and Said seuerall recruits, were brought the Adversary, from Martinico, by the negligence of the Commador.

They say That Generall Coddingtoun is to be Generallisimo of all her Majes fforces in the West Indies.

ffrom Philadel: by a Letter from Antegua of April. 9th They writ Generall Coddingtoun with about 3500 men Landed on Guardilup about a month past & fforced the ffrench out of their Trenches, sd to be much stronger than any In fflanders, batter'd their fforts & castle down, upon wch they sprung mines, thinking our army would storme (and so blew them up) but was prevented by a disserter

They have had latlie a supply of 600 men from Martinico, 500 of wch were planters fforcd off, who decline fighting for that reason.

The fforces so long expected under the Command of the E of Peterborough wch consists of 7000 men, were left to the Eastwards of Madera's are to be commanded by our Generall, who is Capt Grall of all her majes fforces In America.

Nyorke, may 10th on the 5th arrived here Capt Blackston ffrom Plimouth the 12 march, in Compa with the west India ffleett, consisting of about 30 Sayle, under convoy of the Blackwall and Monta-

gue commanded by Vice Admirall Graydon, in Comp$^{a.}$ whereof Sr Beuill Greenvil, Go^{r} of Barbados, and 3000 Land fforces, under Command of Brigadeer.

Generall Coddingtoun made G^{o} of Jamaica, Colo Wm Seymour Go^{r} of Marryland.

Capt Blackston pairted with them 1$^{st.}$ April by whom wee have advice of an Embargo Jn Engld, And great preparations were making for a vigorous prosecution of the warr by sea and land. [Other foreign items.]

The proceedings of The Ld Cornburry here, are well approved by her Maje & Council & the L^{ds} of Trade and all Acts of Assembly made here Dureing the Last administration annull'd and declaired void.

My Ld Cornburry Expects a man of warr daylie with his Commissions.

The Council of Nova Cesarea or New Jearsy are

Edward Himlock	Samuell Leonard	George Deacon
Lewis Morris	Andrew Bowne	Sam^{ll} Walker
Sam^{ll} Jennings	Thos Reuell	Dan Leeds
Francis Davenport	W$^{m.}$ Pinhorne	W$^{m.}$ Sandford
Robert Quarry.		

Capt Carter In a brig^{a} & Capt Leventhorp In a ship both went hence Last ffall for London cast away neir Lands end, the men Saved, most of the goods Lost.

The Virg^{a} ffleett was to Sayle in April

[Foreign items follow.]

The E. of Peterborough goes not for the West Indies.

A sloop from Antegua arrived here the 7th Instant brings the same Acco^{t} as is from Phila^{d}

Capt Delbridge sails for London this Week & Capt Travise in the Ship Lyon that Capt Dowse was to Goe in Sails in a fourtnight at farthest.

Capt Robertson and Coram about 6 Weeks and Capt Everton in about 2 month's. The french and some Indies took 2 men of ours Prisoners, In Sacho River and Kill'd one man, were Affraid it may occasion a Ruptur, between us and the Indians.

Boston June 1st 1703

On the 25$^{th.}$ of Last month Dyed Mr Sam^{ll} Shrimpton and was Burried the 28

The 26th was our annuall Election Day of her Majes Council for this Colony, whereon sever^{ll} members of Council in coaches and

sever[ll] Gentlemen on horse Back, wth the Troop of Gaurds went, about Eight a Clocke in the morning to Roxbury to attend his Excell[y] to towne who had a splendid Entertainment for them—Roxbury Troop before his Excell[y], the members of Council and other Gentlemen and the Troop of Guards following and in the Towne as is usuall, Two foott Comp[es] Guarded them to the town house about Eleven a Clocke, where they staid a short space and were Conducted to the Meetting house and heard a Sermon preached by the Rev[d] M[r] Solomon Stoddard, on these Words Honour thy father and mother &c. After Sermon his Excell[y] & Council, Magistrates & Mini[rs] and field Officers had a splendid Dinner and about four a Clocke went to the Town house, in ord[r] to Choose the Ensuing years Council, who are

Coll[o] Elisha Hutchinson	90	Esq[rs]
Cap[t] Sam[ll] Sewall	89	
Coll[o] Jn[o] Phillips	87	
Cap[t] Jon[a] Corwin	87	
Coll[o] Jn[o] Foster	87	
Maj[r] Generall Winthrope	85	
Coll[o] Pen Townsend	85	
Cap[t] Andrew Belcher	85	
James Russell	84	
Coll[o] Jn[o] Higginson	83	
Isaac Addington Secr:	82	
Maj[r] W[m] Browne	82	
Joseph Hammond	72	Esq[rs]
Maj[r] John Wally	69	
Coll[o] Jn[o] Thatcher	64	
Joseph Lynde	64	
Sam[ll] Partridge	57	
Eliakim Hutchinson	57	
Coll[o] Jn[o] Hathorne	49	
Coll[o] Daniel Pearce	49	
Benj[a] Browne	41	
Sam[ll] Hayman	37	
Edward Bromfield	34	
Cap[t] Sam[ll] Legg		
Samuell Appleton		Esq[rs]
Nath[ll] Paine		
Josiah Winslow		Esq[rs]
Maj[r] Hunt		

Maj[r] Converse is Chosen Speaker of the house of Representatives.

Our Eastern Indians came into our Garrisons and acquitted themselves from killing the English man wrote you of before, & Sayes it was done by Some french and ffrench Indians that Came from Canada and Wishes they had mett them would have Seized them.

Wee ar Informed Severall wayes of a Descent the french and Canada Indians Intends to make upon some of ours or the Neighbouring Colony frontiers upon wch orders are taken to Watch our ffrontier Townes again any Assault.

Boston June 7th 1703

On the 2d Instant arrived here Capt Breed from Antegua about four Weeks passage & acquaints us that Generll Coddington had Left Guardeloop and gone to Nevis by reason of a Disstemper that had Seized upon him which had almost made him blind, He left the Commd of the Army wth Collo Hamilton, Several Negro Disserters come over to us daylie, who say the french are in great want of provisions.

They Daiely Exspected the Landing of Succours from England.

They Conferme the french's having 600 men from Martinico thro' the Invigilancy or neglect of our ffrigetts.

On the 3d Instant Arrived here Capt Welsh from Antegua came out 3 dayes before the other and also acquaints us of Capt Coffin and one Carry's being Taken into Martinico whom wee fear'd was lost.

Capt Southack came in yesterday from the Eastward from Treating wth the Indians and Restoring them what was taken from them by Capt Chadwell & his men.

On the 4th Instant His Excelly the Honoble Council and Representatives went to the Castle to View the Same, and the ffortifications in order to fforward what is wanting.

On ye 5th from Piscataqua acquainted of a Ketches arrivall thair from Barbados brings no news only that Govr not yet arrived & no Privateers heard of, of a long time, and yt ther was no truth in a privateers being on our coast, wch report was occasioned by a sloop from Virginia Sabboth Last Arrived here who was willing to speake to three of our sloops bound hence for Boston, who the master sayes were Affraid of and run ashoar about Capepann, seeing him stand towards them.

From Rhoad Island ther was a small Vessell came in Last Week between point Judeth and Block Island, Next Day they heard some say 20, some a 27 guns, as if it were at Block Island, It's feared the Brigd is a french Privateer and that the ship was one of Lawrences prizes bought by Mr Mallinson bound for Barbados.

Boston ffor London, The Ship Amitie 150 Tuns 14 guns men answerable, Thom^s Steele Comm̄d.

The Ship Eliz^a 100 Tuns David Robertson Command^r

The Agustus Gally 140 Tuns 12 guns Capt Wm Everton Command^r

The Ship Resignation 240 Tuns 20 guns Thom^s Coram Command^r will all Sail in about 2 months.

Capt Travise will Sail next Week for London

ffor Oporto the Ketch Exchange 40 Tuns James Cally Command^r

ffor Barbados, The Ship Hannah 100 Tuns 4 guns John Bennett, Command^r

His Excell^y goes for his Goverm^t of New hampshire on Wednesday next and from Thence to Cascobay in ord^r to treat wth the Indians, Two Thirds whereof are for peace and one Third for warr.

[On the next page of the letter-sheet.]

Boston June 7th 1703

Honble Sir

I'm favour'd with yo^rs of 3^d Curr^t Congratulat your hon^r Saife arrival home and on other syde is what occurrs and an and ans^r to your demands from

S^r

Yo^r Ho^rs most Humble
Servt
Jno: Campbell

[Addressed to Governor Winthrop of Connecticut.]

[Superscribed]

To The Honble
John Winthrop Esqr
Go^r of Connecticut
N London

ffranke

Boston June 14th 1703

On the 8th Instant the Assembly was adjourned unto the Last Wednesday of this month.

On the 9th His Excell. being Accompanyed with Severall Gentlemen, went to his Goverm^t of New hampshire.

On the 10th a Sloop from the Bay of Campeachy brings no News.

On the 11 Esqr Bromfield mett wth a Sore Mischance, coming out of his Warehouse door a Sloop Lying before his Warehouse door the m^r of the Sloop hoising up his boom, the Sail being Loose to Dry it, gave Such a Swing that it struct him upon his Shouldier, Brock

his Collar bone, put his Shouldier out of joynt, was for sometime speechless with the Stroak but its hoped He'l Recover and do well—

On the 12th Arrived a Sloop from the Bay of Vandovas, one Lamson mr, who sayes that Capt Wheeler that went hence for Jamaica is Dead his men all prest on board men of warr and his Ship Hal'd up.

Capt Blew from Rd Island is arrived here this Day.

The Gosport and Gally is this Day sailed for Piscataqua.

Philad. May 28: Arrived a Sloop in 22 Dayes from Antegua in whom Came Capt Roach an Inhabitant of that Island wth his family to Setle here, brings the bad news of our forces Leaving Guardilup untaken wth the Loss of about 1000 by Enemy and Sickness. The Day [?he] Sailed the Generll Arrived who has lost his Eye Sight wth Some Disstemper, the rest of the fleett and forces were Exspected from Guardiloop, the Genell Layes the Miscarridge so to heart that it's thought he'l hardly Recover upon it.

It's said that the men of warr that were at Guardiloop were all ordered home, and were to Sail the 29th may.

Some prisoners that made their Escape from Martinico to Antegua Says that the french were fitting out abundance of privateers from that place many of them Stout Vessels.

It's reported in the West Indies that monsr Ponti was daylie Exspected there wth a Squadron of men of warr of 22 Sail besydes other Vessells.

The 31 Arrived here a Sloop from Jamaica 28 Dayes passage, Admirll Whetstone wth his Squadron was at Jamaica, he's done nothing only burnt a Ship the french took from us and two privateer Sloops at Pettiquavis.

A fleett of merchantmen between 40 & 50 Sail undr Convoy a 2 or 3 men of warr was to sail in May from Jamaica to England.

N Yorke June 7: Last Week Arrived here a Sloop from Coraso, 21 Dayes passage sayes the Dutch have an open Trade wth New Spain and that the Governour of Coraso has stopt Capt Wrightington & his Compa who Sailed from R Island on what pretence knows not.

Capt Bond & Capt Sinclair Sails in a fourth Night or 3 Week's for London.

Boston Capt Travise sails to Day or Too morrow for London—

[Superscribed]

To The Honble
John Winthrop Esqr
Govr of Connecticut
ffranke N London

Boston Jully 12th 1703

ffrom N Yorke Jully 5: On the 29th June Last Arrived here Capt Bassett from England they sailed from Plimoth the 2d May Last in a fleett of about 170 Sayle undr Convey of 7 men of warr, one part of wch fleett were for the Streights, wth 3 men of warr another fleett for the West Indies wth 2 men of warr and the rest being about 70 Sail for Virginia undr Convey of the Guensey and Oxford frigets in the 1st of wch comes Capt Mathews Mr Byerly Receiver Generl of this province and Mr Clarke our Secretary who brings wth them my Ld Cornbury's Commissions for New Jearsy &c.

Wee hear one Mr Griffith is Attorney-Generall of New Jersy and is in the Oxford some Letters say Mr Bass is Secretary of that Province others the Contrary some Affirme he is in the fleett coming over wch is Contradicted by others.

Wee hear a Gentl of very great Learning and Knowledge in the Law is judge of the Admiralty of Pensilvania and other places, but wee know not yet his name

Our Grand fleett were at Spitthead ready to putt to Sea, consisting of about 130 Sail

Thirty great Ships most 3d Rates were at Plimoth commanded by Sr Clously Shovell outward bound but where was not publick. Each Ship had on board 2 Compas of marines and Sundry Stores of warr and their Quarters hung wth Wheels & Carriages it was Generally beleived they were bound for the Streights. [Foreign news items follow.]

ffive Ships for Boston Sailed in Compa wth this fleett who I suppose are Arived by whom you will have a better Information

Last Week Arrived Capt Coward from Coraso brings no news.

On the 2d Instant Arrived a Sloop from Antegua in 17 Dayes and advises that Admirll Graydon wth the forces touched at Guardeloop and finding our men were retired he stood on his Course just Called at Antegua and is gone for Jamaica.

That Generll Coddington is Still very ill at Antegua.

That a man of warr from Antegua on her cruise mett 2 french privateers a Barque and a Sloop, The Barque she Took wth 60 men and the Sloop she Chaced upon a Reefe and Battered her all to peices not having Left above 10 men alive. The Sloop was the [blank] wch formerly belonged to Philadelphia the Capt still in the West Indies as is said.

The Pensilvania post is come in and brings no news yet of the Arrivall of the Virginia fleett.

Boston Jully 12th Last Week Arrived here Capt Charnock from Antegua Porter from Mounseratt & Capt Nathl. Green from Bbados brings nothing new.

Capt Steel Everton and Rob[er]tson will sail for London in about 20 Dayes.

Two Indians and an interpreter are co[me] hither from the Eastward of Casco bay acquaints of a french man of warr at Mont Desart neir to Nova Scotia who fires a gun Evening and Morning.

The Governmt has sent out a man of warr to Spy what this french man is.

Wee have Severall Rumers of guns heard fireing off of Cape Ann on ffryday and Satturday Last as yet hear nothing what it is.

Last Week a woman kill'd at Piscataqua wth the Thunder.

[Superscribed]
For the Honoble
John Winthrope Esqr
Governour of Connettct
Colony
New London

ffranke

Boston Septr 20th 1703

To *N London*

On thursday Last returned our flag of truce from Port Royall who informed us that there is arrived thair from france a man of warr of 46 guns; had some red & blue Coats on board, and also two marcht men or mast men of Considerable force was out from france about six weeks.

the Govr of Port Royall told our men that he had 500 souldiers come which we do Judge to be a Compa of 50 or 60 men.

they also told our men that our mast fleet was taken and 17 of our men of warr, and that their King had Cutt of 500 Hugonits that had rose up in rebellion: all which we give no Creditt to; but the Contrary that wee have taken so many of their men of warr and that the Hugonits are strong to the number of 50 thousand.

On fryday arrived here Capt Johnson In a brigantin from antegua about a mounth Passage brings no news.

ffrom Rd Island The 17. acquainted That that morning arrived thaire a privateer sloop from Providence belonging to Curraso, who had but 18 men, And brought In with him, a Spanish Ship of 7 guns 56. men which he Tooke off of Campechia Bay, loaden with Cocco, has on board 5 thousand peices of eight. about 130 Tuns fought him 3 glasses and never a man killed.

He also brings the Tydings of Providence being taken on the 20th July by ffrench & Spainairds, A barque Alongo, A Brig^{a}, & a sloop, the people were surprised in the night, there being but 3 men in the ffort, he hes brought with him hither a great many of the Inhabitants about 40 or 50, of whom Capt Jno Edwards is one who lost his sloop.

The ffrench and Spainairds carryed away 9 Vessells that Lay in the harbour, and the Govr.

Capt Wodsworth from Whitehaven and Ireland is just arrived about [blank] weeks passage say [Foreign news items follow.]

[On third page of the letter-sheet.]

Honb^{le} Sir Boston Septr 20th 1703

On other Syde is what occurs as I send your ho^{r} weekly:

And Im Informed your generall Court is to sit at Newhaven next month, and I must represent to your ho^{r} & Assembly The state of the post office as I have done to this Gov^{rt} and Newhampshire In order to have some encouragment for the support of it, as they have done: else of necessity it must drop, I doubt not in the Least of your ho^{rs} Concurrence therein, and with humble service am

S^{r}

Your ho^{rs} most Humble

Servt

Jno Campbell

To N London

Boston Octo^{r} 4th 1703

ffrom Piscataqua the 1st Jnstant acquainted that a party of our forces under the Command of Liv^{t} Coll March and Maj^{r} Cutler about 365 marched on Sabbath Last to Pigwakett and are in hopes to hear of them in Two or Three Dayes.

That m^{r} Henry Newman in a Sloop took up 3 french men in a burch Cannoo at Caskobay who are brought hither, upon Examination they Say that on the 8th May Last they came from Quebeck, where they were Souldiers and run away from thence because of bad usage, and Jntended to Boston for Protection, they Say that they Sold their Armes at Port Royall, However it's judged they had no good Design and are now in prison.

They Say that the Govr of Canada is Dead and that ther is 28 Comp^{as} at Quebeck—consisting of 30 men Each.

ffrom Hartford acquainted that a post came Latly from Albany, who acqua[inted][3] that a Mohawk was come in from [the][4] Lake and Sayes that the Govr of Canada wth 700 men was on this Side of the

3 Sheet torn.
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ake Designing to march and make a Descent on the Frontiers of N England but that an Express came to him as was going to| march cquainting him of a fleett of Ships seen wch they Knew not whether riends or foes, upon wch he and his Army posted back again.

And from Springfield it's Said the reason of their going back was he mischief wch our Indians had Done at the Eastward had awakened ur people to Secure our frontiers.

Boston, No Ships Arrived this Week & wee are in great fears of ur mast fleett, the only hopes is that they came not out wth the rand fleett, as it's said they did.

Wee had an Eminent Delivery on Satturday night about 12 a locke at Night a fire had Like to have brock out in a house neir o Capt Williams.

[Superscribed]
To the Honble
John Winthrop Esqr
Gor of Connecticut at
N London

ffranke.

o Gor Winthrop. Boston Octor 1703.

On the 13 Last Arrived Capt ffoster and Roisse from London eing other Two of the Ships came from Corke in Ireland last.

On the 14th Arrived Capt Holberton from Londo an other of the hips came last from Corke in Jreland wth our mast fleett and Capt itts from Jamaica.

There arrived Capt Parsons said Day at Marblehead from Absome.

And Capt Blankett in five Weeks from Engld who mett 3 Privateers 00 Leagues to the Westward of Lands End, one of them gave him hase and he bore up to him wherupon he withdrew: The other wo bore down upon him, and upon that he showed them a pair of eells, She is a Ship of 30 guns.

They acquaint us Expecially the last of London being bound ither was taken off of the bancks of Newfoundland, and Carryed into t Malloes who was sold thair for Twenty Hundred pounds who was steemed to be worth fourteen or fifteen Thousand pounds.

They acquaint us of severall ships Taken—Especially Travise hat sailed hence after Capt Delbridge.

A Londo Gazet of July 26 says [Foreign news item follows.]

A Gazet of July 29 Say [Foreign news item follows.]

On the 15th Arrived Capt Lewis from Sirranam and Capt Vantman nd Holland from Jamaica.

By a print of July 31 from Edinburgh acquainted [item of parliamentary news].

Capt Plankett Says that Portugale had Declared warr agt france nd Spain.

Capt John Grasilier sails for Londo next Week.

ffrom Nyorke the 12th Currt acquainted that the Indians proposed o his Excelly the Ld Cornbury to make peace with ye french of Canda which his Lop would not admitt of & its beleived they are [on][5] oth sydes & receive presents from both neither French nor their ndians have been in them Quarters since the warr nor any acts of ostility Committed be neither and no truth said to be in the report rom Harford.

Some people in Connecticut seized two or three of albany river ndians and ill treated them and had likelie have brought all the Six nations upon them selves had not my Ld Cornbury's seasonable arrivall at albany prevented it.

They writt of the violent Storme wee had on fryday was seventh carryed out of the Road 22 vessells and Wood boates 14 of them trading Vessells beyond Sea, some Drove one way and some another, and great Damage Done in Divers Sellars, the Loss will be some thousands of pounds.

The Assembly Sitt's at NYorke:

[Superscribed]

To the Honble
John Winthrop Esqr
Gor of Connecticut to
be forwarded by the post
If gone from N London

5 Sheet torn.

The Boston News-Letter

1704-1707

IN less than a year after Postmaster John Campbell had begun sending his manuscript news letters to the colonial governors he concluded that this news could be brought out regularly in printed form to the advantage of the public and profitably to himself. Accordingly he began the publication of The Boston News-Letter, the first issue of which was for the week ending April 24, 1704. This was the first newspaper in the English-speaking American colonies destined to be successful in maintaining a lasting existence. Technically the News-Letter was the second American newspaper, for undoubtedly the ill-fated Publick Occurrences was intended by Benjamin Harris to be regular and permanent and would have been so continued had it not been suppressed. But Campbell holding government position and, therefore, having the countenance of those in authority, was more fortunate than his predecessor, and his publication, by virtue of its continuity, holds place historically at the head of the long line of American periodicals.

The initial number of the News-Letter was not a promising performance. Its two small pages, half-sheet folio, were nearly filled with foreign news, the domestic items being almost a negligible quantity. As respects this disproportion, an example was set which was followed for many years. In succeeding numbers the foreign news generally consisted of excerpts from London newspapers and was always several months after date—sometimes nearly a year,—being brought by vessels which as often came round about by the way of Bermuda, Virginia or New York, as direct to the port of Boston. Aside from this lack of freshness, the collation of foreign news was as fairly complete and accurate a presentation of what was happening in Europe as could be reasonably expected, although of course, conforming to the spirit of the age, attention was mainly given to the publication of royal proclamations and addresses, and other state papers, of parliamentary proceedings, governmental affairs and military movements. Particularly, at the outset, the events of the war for the Spanish succession, 1703-1713, were recorded regularly and in detail to the extent of timely minuteness and often inaccuracy.

It was not unusual for the domestic news to be limited to two or three short items, and only on rare occasions did it fill more than a column or a column and a half of the four, eight, or—now and then—twelve, columns of an issue. For the most part during the period covered by the first volume of this Digest it consisted of ship news, the governor's proclamations, reports of the elections of representatives to the General Court, accounts of engagements with the Indians or with the French privateers, news from the West

Indies, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, and occasionally from far-away Philadelphia, or farther away South Carolina. Sometimes remarkable incidents in neighboring towns were noted, generally with an editorial apology for their printing. Skippers sailing between Boston and the West Indies or ports of the other colonies now and then brought back marvellous stories of adventure which were published without apology. Some affairs, which even in perspective loom large and important were reported in a manner that makes them valuable historical documents. Such, for example, were the reduction of St. Augustine in 1705; the French capture of the West Indies in 1706; the attack upon Charleston by the French squadron in 1706; the capture of Port Royal and Acadia in 1710; the unsuccessful expedition against Quebec in 1711 and other events in and about the colonies incidental to the war of the Spanish succession.

Campbell's venture was not a financial success; throughout all its early years it led a precarious existence. Subscribers were few, and advertisers—the main stay of the modern newspaper—were conspicuously absent. Notwithstanding the pre-supposed popular desire for the news of the day the publisher seems to have been, to a very considerable extent, compelled to create his reading public. Interest in English and European affairs, except as pertaining to the colonies, was surely waning, there were few stirring home events to excite curiosity, and what little domestic news there might be was the hear-say of the community long before it could appear in print.

Almost immediately after beginning publication the necessity for more generous support was forced upon the publisher, and his appeals for subscribers, as set forth in the columns of his paper, were frequent and urgent. In November, 1705, he presented a petition to the General Court then in session asking an allowance "for the year past, in the discharge of both Posts, the Postoffice, and Letter of Intelligence, * * and for the future." That part of the petition referring to the News-Letter was:

"your Petitioner also having Last year sett on foott a weekly Letter of Intelligence for both foreign and Domestick occurrences, expecting that the Incomes thereby being sett at a Moderate Rate, would be sufficient to defray the Necessary Charge thereof; The which it did not do, And this year several Gentlemen, Merchants and others being willing it should not drop, but be continued, have Agreed to contribute towards It's support for another year: yet Notwithstanding there are not a Competent number that offers to carry it on, And It being found beneficial & of Publick use and service to the Countrey to prevent a great many false Reports." [1]

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1 The Acts and Resolves of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, Vol. VIII, pp. 158 and 562-563; Massachusetts Archives, Vol. 88, pp. 344-345.

To print the News-Letter Campbell engaged Bartholomew Green, then the foremost printer in the country.[2] Isaiah Thomas wrote of him and the News-Letter;

"Bartholomew Green began the printing of *The Boston News-Letter*, in Newbury street, in a small wooden building, to which another room was annexed some years after, for the accomodation of his son. This building was burnt down in 1734; it was previously occupied as a printing house both by young Green and John Draper, who did business independently of each other. Another house of like dimensions was built on the same spot by John Draper, the successor of the elder B. Green. This building was occupied as a printing house, until the British troops evacuated Boston, in 1776. At that place began and ended the printing of *The Boston News-Letter*."[3]

Concerning the location of Bartholomew Green's printing office Samuel Abbott Green has written:

"It was printed by Bartholomew Green, and 'Sold by Nicholas Boone, at his Shop near the Old Meeting-House' which structure then stood on the lot now bounded on three sides by Cornhill Court and Court Avenue, and fronting on Washington Street. At the present time the Rogers Building occupies the whole of this square, perhaps 70 feet by 80 in dimensions. The site of Boone's shop was on the second lot south of Court Avenue, the corner lot between it and the meeting-house being occupied by Major Davis, apothecary; and next to Boone's shop on the south was John Campbell, where without doubt he kept the post-office."[4]

Green printed the News-Letter for three and a half years. Then he was succeeded by John Allen whose name first appears on the issue for November 10, 1707.[5] Green's name reappeared on the issue of October 8, 1711, one week after the burning of Allen's office. He continued to print for Campbell until December 31, 1722, when he became publisher as well as printer.

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2 Bartholomew Green was born in Cambridge, October 12, 1666. He was the son of Samuel Green, for more than forty years the celebrated head of the Cambridge Press, succeeding Stephen Daye, the pioneer printer in the colonies; who came to New England in 1630, and died January 1, 1702. The son learned his trade in the office of his father and after the death of the latter he succeeded to the position of printer to the college. For thirty years he was printer to the governor and council and his imprint is on many of the best American books of his time. He died December 28, 1732, and a notice of his death was printed in the News-Letter of January 4, 1773.

3 History of Printing, Vol. I, p. 90.

4 Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects, p. 15.

5 John Allen was an English printer who came to Boston in 1685, on the same vessel with John Dunton, who in his Letters Written from New-England, thus refers to him; "Mr Allen, the Printer was going to his Uncle, who had invited him over and from whom he expected Preferment." Again, after arriving in Boston, Dunton wrote of his companion on the voyage; "I Rambled with John Allen to Dine with his Reverend Unckle of that name." The uncle was the Reverend James Allen, pastor of the First Church of Boston, 1668-1710. John Allen was associated with Bartholomew Green and also with Benjamin Harris and when he undertook the printing of The Boston News-Letter in 1707, he had an office in Pudding Lane, the modern Devonshire Street. His shop there was burned in the great fire of October 2, 1711.

Starting with a single half-sheet folio, printed on both sides, two columns to the page, the News-Letter continued without material change in form during the greater part of its career. Almost from the outset, however, there were occasional expansions to two, four, six, eight or even ten pages; a supplement was sometimes added but generally the single sheet of two pages prevailed. The size of the paper page was about 8 by 12½ inches. Different copies now preserved show slight variances from those measurements, some of them running as low as 7½ by 12⅛ inches; probably these differences are due to the trimming or wearing away of the edges of the sheets, or they may have resulted from a shrinkage of the paper. The paper page of the first six numbers (in the file in the library of the New York Historical Society) is 7 by 11½ inches. The page of the seventh number is 7¾ by 11½, and after that the page sizes are as has been noted. It would appear that the first six numbers were printed on a sheet smaller than that subsequently and permanently adopted. The type pages (in the same file) also show slight variations in the early issues, ranging from 6¼ by 10½ inches or 6⅜ by 10⅞ inches to 6¾ by 11½ inches or 6⅝ by 11¾ inches. Column widths varied from 3 to 3¼ inches.

The imprint was changed several times before its fixed form was finally determined. In the first and second editions of the first number there were different forms, and that in the second edition was retained in the second, third and fourth numbers, except that the word Boston, in old English, was followed by a colon instead of a comma. With the fifth number this imprint was adopted: "**Boston:** Printed by *B. Green.* Sold at the Post-Office. 1704;" and that form was retained until John Allen succeeded Bartholomew Green as printer, November 10, 1707. Allen varied the typography of the imprint several times, and when Green again became the printer, October 8, 1711, there was another change.

For the title, a roman face letter old style Caslon type was used.[6] In the early years the initials "N. E." in old English type were placed above the title, but later on this was sometimes expanded to "New-England" and printed now in roman and again in italic. For the word "Number," old English type was first used and afterward roman or italic. There were also changes in the type faces used in the date line. The line "Published by Authority" was printed in old English in the early issues but subsequently it was put in roman or italic. The use of rules above and below this line was varied from time to time, especially in the period of John Allen's printing. The "Published by Authority" constituted part of the heading from

6 Buckingham, in his Specimens of Newspaper Literature, says that the heading was set in French Canon type. Canon was the old name for the type size that in present day nomenclature is known as 42 point.

N. E. Numb. 1.

The Boston News-Letter.

Published by Authority.

From Monday April 17. to Monday April 24. 1704.

London Flying-Post from *Decemb. 2d. to 4th.* 1703.

LEtters from *Scotland* bring us the Copy of a Sheet lately Printed there, Intituled, *A Reasonable Alarm for* Scotland. *In a Letter from a Gentleman in the City, to his Friend in the Country, concerning the present Danger of the Kingdom and of the Protestant Religion.*

This Letter takes Notice, That Papists swarm in that Nation, that they traffick more avowedly than formerly, & that of late many Scores of Priests and Jesuites are come thither from *France*, and gone to the North, to the Highlands & other places of the Country. That the Ministers of the Highlands and North gave in large Lists of them to the Committee of the General Assembly, to be laid before the Privy-Council.

It likewise observes, that a great Number of other ill-affected persons are come over from *France*, under pretence of accepting her Majesty's Gracious Indemnity; but, in reality, to increase Divisions in the Nation, and to entertain a Correspondence with *France*: That their ill Intentions are evident from their talking big, their owning the Interest of the

From all this he infers, That they have hopes of Assistance from *France*, otherwise they would never be so impudent; and he gives Reasons for his Apprehensions that the *French* King may send Troops thither this Winter, 1. Because the *English* & *Dutch* will not then be at Sea to oppose them. 2. He can then best spare them, the Season of Action beyond Sea being over. 3. The Expectation given him of a considerable number to joyn them, may incourage him to the undertaking with fewer Men if he can but send over a sufficient number of Officers with Arms and Ammunition.

He endeavours in the rest of his Letters to answer the foolish Pretences of the Pretender's being a Protestant, and that he will govern us according to Law. He says, that being bred up in the Religion and Politicks of *France*, he is by Education a stated Enemy to our Liberty and Religion. That the Obligations which he and his Family owe to the *French* King, must necessarily make him to be wholly at his Devotion, and to follow his Example; that if he sit upon the Throne, the three Nations must be oblig'd to pay the Debt which he owes the *French* King for the Education of himself and for

To this he adds the late Writings and Actings of some disaffected persons, many of whom are for that Pretender, that several of them have declar'd they had rather embrace Popery than conform to the present Government; that they refuse to pray for the Queen, but use the ambiguous word Sovereign, and some of them pray in express Words for the King and Royal Family; and the charitable and generous Prince who has shew'd them so much Kindness. He likewise takes notice of Letters not long ago found in Cypher, and directed to a Person lately come thither from St. *Germains*.

He says that the greatest Jacobites, who will not qualifie themselves by taking the Oaths to Her Majesty, do now with the Papists and their Companions from St. *Germains* set up for the Liberty of the Subject, contrary to their own Principles, but meerly to keep up a Division in the Nation. He adds, that they aggravate those things which the People complain of, as to *England's* refusing to allow them a freedom of Trade, *&c.* and do all they can to foment Divisions betwixt the Nations, and to obstruct a Redress of those things complain'd of.

The Jacobites, he says, do all they can to persuade the Nation that their pretended King is a Protestant in his Heart, tho' he dares not declare it while under the Power of *France*; that he is acquainted with the Mistakes of his Father's Government, will govern us more according to Law, and endear himself to his Subjects.

They magnifie the Strength of their own Party, and the Weakness and Divisions of the other, in order to facilitate and hasten their Undertaking; they argue themselves out of their Fears, and into the highest assurance of accomplishing their purpose.

his own Debt before those Troops leave *Britain*. The Pretender being a good Proficient in the *French* and *Romish* Schools, he will never think himself sufficiently aveng'd, but by the utter Ruine of his Protestant Subjects, both as Hereticks and Traitors. The late Queen, his pretended Mother, who in cold Blood when she was *Queen* of *Britain*, advised to turn the West of *Scotland* into a hunting Field will be then for doing so by the greatest part of the Nation; and, no doubt, is at Pains to have her pretended Son educated to her own Mind. Therefore he says, it were a great Madness in the Nation to take a Prince bred up in the horrid School of Ingratitude, Persecution and Cruelty, and filled with Rage and Envy. The *Jacobites*, he says, both in *Scotland* and at St. *Germains*, are impatient under their present Straits, and knowing their Circumstances cannot be much worse than they are, at present, are the more inclinable to the Undertaking. He adds, That the *French* King knows there cannot be a more effectual way for himself to arrive at the Universal Monarchy, and to ruine the Protestant Interest, than by setting up the Pretender upon the Throne of Great *Britain*, he will in all probability attempt it; and tho' he should be perswaded that the Design would miscarry in the close, yet he cannot but reap some Advantage by imbroiling the three Nations.

From all this the Author concludes it to be the Interest of the Nation, to provide for Self defence, and says, that as many have already taken the Alarm, and are furnishing themselves with Arms and Ammunition, he hopes the Government will not only allow it, but encourage it, since the Nation ought all to appear as one Man in the Defence of

the issue of April 24, 1704 to that of September 2, 1725, excepting July 18, 1720—December 31, 1722. Double dating of the years for the months of January, February and March was used—though not always in strict conformity to the system—until the issue of January 7, 1717 when the new style was adopted. In this compilation new style dating has been followed but in transcribing the newspaper headings and text, actual date lines have been copied as they stand originally printed.

Typographically, the News-Letter was, for the most part, an admirable production. The paper was of good quality and after two hundred years shows few signs of disintegration, save as it has been torn or otherwise damaged. Type with a sharply-cut and well defined face was used and the press work was altogether creditable, the impressions being clean and strong. Even the ink has stood the test of two centuries. This recognition of the excellence of the printer's work refers particularly to the News-Letter as it was produced by Bartholomew Green. During the time that it was printed by John Allen there was a marked deterioration in its typographic appearance. Most of the Allen issues were inferior specimens indeed, especially in comparison with those of Green. It is evident that Green had a better equipped office, and certainly he was the better printer.

Editorially, during its first period, the News-Letter was a poor performance. It was crudely, indeed often ignorantly, written, with a frank disregard of grammar, and clearness of expression, and a Timothy Dexter scorn of right punctuation. The spelling was mostly correct, but whether that was a virtue of the editor or the proof reader may not now be known. In punctuation, in capitalization, in italicization, and so on, there was no uniformity of usage, and for these faults the responsibility may perhaps be divided between the editor and the printer.

On the following pages of this volume these editorial and typographic peculiarities have been carefully preserved. The editors of this Digest have aimed to reproduce the contents of these old newspapers with textual fidelity to the originals, even in the most obvious errors of the printer, such for example as the ending of a sentence without a period, the beginning of a sentence with a lower case letter instead of a capital, the appearance of an italic capital to a word in roman type, and others of like character. As anyone can see at a glance such faults as these are absurd blunders, an oversight in the proof reading or a mixing of the types. Nothing necessary to a clear understanding of the text could be gained by their correction while by their retention at least the spirit and color of the originals are fully preserved. Here and there, in marked

instances only, suggestive readings or corrections have been interpolated in brackets. Otherwise the text has been left without change or comment—except in foot notes—exactly as it appeared to its first readers two hundred years ago.

In the library of the New York Historical Society is a volume of the News-Letter which contains copies of issues for 1705, 1706, 1707 and 1708 that are not known to be elsewhere preserved. Originally the volume was bound in calf which has become dark brown with age; the back and the corners were later rebound in calf of a lighter color. On the backbone is the title BOSTON NEWS-LETTER and the dates, 1704-1708. On a front blank page is this inscription: "To the New York Historical Society from George Bruce. Printer New York. 1805"— and on the inside front cover there is this note in lead pencil, "This volume contains No. 1 April 17 1704 to No 209 April 19 1708 Nos wanting 27, 138, 139, 140, 141 W. K."[7] Family tradition says that a sea captain sailing between Boston and New York, either gave or sold this book to Mr Bruce, but no certain evidence of that has been produced. The volume has been briefly described in a paper read by Dr. Samuel Abbott Green before the Massachusetts Historical Society, November 13, 1890, and reprinted in a pamphlet.[8]

A special interest attaches to this volume. There seems to be no doubt that it was the property of our New England Pepys, Chief Justice Samuel Sewall. In the front are bound four pages of a manuscript entitled "Memorandums" and this, it is generally believed by those who have examined it, is in the handwriting of Mr Sewall. The memorandum is merely an index to some of the articles in the various issues of the file and further on upon the margins of those issues, the same articles are often annotated in the same handwriting with the letters "N." or "M. E." added. Throughout the volume are scattered other marginal notes also in the same handwriting. These are mostly signed S.S. and some of them refer to matters mentioned in Judge Sewall's Diary. On several of the numbers—notably September 29, October 6, October 20, November 24, December 15, and December 22, 1707, and January 12, January 19, March 1, March 8, and March 15, 1707-8—the autograph Sir Sewall appears on the bottom margin of the first page.

The Sewall annotations in this file are as follows:

June 19, 1704,—top of second column, first page; "Major Sewall."

January 8, 1705,—added to entry of death of Madame Sarah Leverett; "Interd Jan^{r} 8."

7 William Kelby was librarian of the New York Historical Society, 1895-1898.

8 Remarks on An Early File of the Boston News-Letter.

January 8, 1705,—bottom of second page; "Mrs. Johana Mason wife of Arthur Mason a very pious vertuous woman" [remainder torn off.]

May 7, 1705,—foot of second page; "Mr. Campbell's Negro gave me this, May, 24. 1705."

May 14, 1705,—foot of second page; "May, 10. The Rev^{d} Mr. Thomas Bridge was ordained Pastor of the [First Church] Boston"

July 9, 1705,—foot of first column, second page, under the Marble-
"Tippet
head item; Nicholas Mary"

September 10, 1705,—margin of second column, first page, against the foreign news; "Sep^{r}! 10° mane: Oceani fluctus ANNA moderante superbos"[9] Originally there was another line in this note but in trimming the pages, perhaps for binding, this was cut off, leaving visible only the tops of the letters.

October 15, 1705,—margin of first column, second page; "Boston 8th 13. 1705 Roma simul caelebys, [?] fuerant in tempore Petru: Aeternum exorsum, nil nisi novum habeat. S.S."[10]

October 15, 1705,—foot of page; "Octob^{r} 15. Madame Hebb [?] N [?] one of the Jamaica fleet died this morning of a Fever, at the house of ye sd H [?]"

October 22, 1705,—margin of first column, second page; "Doctor Wheeler, Son-in-Law to the truly pious Mr Wigglesworth, is dead, and has left a young [sorrowful?] [cut off]; | "He died on Thanksgiving day at night: was a sober good conditioned man, well beloved. It's the Ninth | "Doctor that hath died here in a few years. S.S. "

January 7, 1706,—margin of second column, first page, against account of a shipwreck; "Luke, 13. 1-5."

June 10, 1706,—margin of first column, third page; "Artillery sermon. Preach^{d} by Mr Rowland Cotton."

July 22, 1706,—second column, first page, added to the Ipswich item concerning the death of two women; "Wife & only daughter of Thomas Day."

September 23, 1706,—top of first column, third page; "Mr Simeon Stoddard murthered in England son S. Stoddard Esq:^{r}"[11]

November 25, 1706,—foot of second column, third page, against the item concerning the return of Captain Samuel Appleton from Canada; "N. Mr. Appleton Sailed Augt 30. 1706 from Nantasket." At the top of the same column: "Samuel Appleton Esqr with Mr. Williams from Canada."

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9 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 137.

10 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 140.

11 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 169, note.

September 9, 1706,—bottom of first page; "Sent me to Bristol [by?] Mr. Secretary."

August 4, 1707,—top of second column, second page; "Mr Benjamin Ruggles wife Dead. 34 years & 9 months"

March 1, 1708,—foot of second page; "N. The Justices were apointed the 19th or 20th of Febr."

In the file of the New York Historical Society are bound several broadsides. Between the issues of July 10 and July 17, 1704, is the two page sheet: An Account of the Behaviour and last Dying | Speeches | Of the Six Pirates, that were Executed on *Charles River*, *Boston* side, | on Fryday June 30th. 1704. *Viz.* | *Capt* John Quelch, John Lambert, Christopher Scudamore, | John Miller, Erasmus Peterson *and* Peter Roach. | This broadside was printed and sold for Nicholas Boone. Another copy of it is bound in the News-Letter file of the Massachusetts Historical Society between the issues of June 26 and July 3, 1704. Following the issue of August 12, 1706, is the two page sheet: A Copy of the Last Will and Testament of Richard Bellingham Esqr. Late Governour of the Colony of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in New-England. This broadside is endorsed in Judge Sewall's handwriting "Given me by Mr. S. Stoddard, Augt. 6, 1706."

Immediately after the issue of August 11, 1707 is the broadside: | To my Worthy Friend, | Mr James Bayley, | Living (if Living) in Roxbury. A Poem, | by the Reverend Nicholas Noyes of Salem. A note on the margin, by Judge Sewall, says "Printed, July 30, 1707." With this Bayley poem is the two page broadside: | Informations | and | Directions | For the making of Tar, and Choice of Trees | for the same, as in Finland. | This broadside was printed by Bartholomew Green in July, 1707. Following the issue of September 15, 1707 is John Danforth's: | A Pindarick ELEGY Upon the Renowned, | Mr Samuel Willard, | Late Reverend Teacher of the South Church in *Boston*, and | Vice President of *Harvard College* in Cambridge; | Who Deceased *September* the 12th. 1707. *Aetatis Anno* 68. | Following the issue of December 1, 1707, and attached to the first page of the next issue by sealing wax, is Judge Sewall's famous pronunciamento, dated *Tuesday*, *November* 25, 1707: The Reasons of my withdrawing my Vote from what was Pass'd in Council, upon *Saturday*, November the First, relating to an Address offered to Her Majesty, Sign'd *Nath Higginson*, &c.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** April 17. to **Monday** April 24. 1704.

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THE first number of the first continuously published newspaper of the English colonies in America covered the week from Monday, April 17, to Monday, April 24, 1704. It was printed on both sides of a half sheet folio, the paper page being 7 by 11½ inches and the type page 6¼ by 10¾ inches. It contains an extract from the London Flying Post respecting the pretender, who called himself King James VIII of Scotland, sending Popish missioners from France to Scotland; the queen's speech to parliament; a few items of domestic news and the advertisement of the publisher, John Campbell.

Two editions of this issue were printed, as is clearly proven by typographical differences in the three complete copies that have been preserved, or are known to be extant. A mutilated copy, about one-third of the whole sheet, is in the Harvard College library. Two of the three complete copies, in the libraries of the American Antiquarian Society and the New York Historical Society, are identical, both being of the first edition. The other copy, in the library of the Massachusetts Historical Society, is of the second edition.

Some of the differences in these editions have been referred to by Samuel Abbott Green,[1] and others, for the first time, are noted here. Punctuation varies frequently in the two editions. In the second paragraph of the second column of the first page the word Eamily of the first edition is corrected to Family in the second; the word and is substituted for the character &; in the fifth paragraph of the first column of the first page the letter-spacing in the second edition is closer so that the lines break differently; in the fifth paragraph of the second column of the second page *Curraso* is substituted in the second edition for *Currasoa* and *Currasoe* in the first; and in the first paragraph of the same column *Rhode Island* of the first edition becomes *Rhod Island* in the second; in the ninth paragraph of the same column *Maryland* of the first edition becomes *Marryland* in the second. Copies of the publisher's advertisement as it was printed in each edition, showing particularly a change in the advertising agency of the paper, are printed herewith. The first edition had this imprint: "*Boston*, Printed by *B. Green*. Sold by *Nicholas Boone*, at his Shop near the Old Meeting House," while the imprint of the second edition was: "**Boston:** Printed by *B. Green*. Sold by *Nicholas Boone*, at his Shop near the Old Meeting House."

Undoubtedly the appearance of this sheet excited something more than ordinary interest in the community. Concerning it Judge Samuel Sewall wrote:

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1 Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects.

"April 24, 1704. I went to Cambridge to see some Books on the Revelation, and there met with Mr. Pignet: went into Hall and heard Mr. Willard expound Rom. 4 9 10 11 and pray. I gave Mr. Willard the first News-Letter that ever was carried over the River. He shew'd it the Fellows. I came home in company with Mr. Adams." [2]

The first number of the News-Letter has been several times reprinted from type. In some instances these reprints have been on paper stained with coffee liquor to give it the brown appearance of age, and many such have passed into the possession of persons who have been led to believe them genuine originals. So far as is known at this writing (1910) only three complete copies and one fragment of this issue are in existence. The number has also been reproduced in fac-simile by photograph, first by Samuel Abbott Green in 1903. [3]]

Boston, April, 18 Arrived Capt. *Sill* from *Jamacia* about 4 Weeks Passage, says they continue there very Sickly. Mr. *Nathaniel Oliver* a principal Merchant of this place died *April* 15 & was decently inter'd *April*, 18. *Ætatis* 53.

The Honourable Col. *Nathanael Byfield* Esq. is Commissioned Judge of the Admiralty for the Provinces of *Massachusetts-Bay*, *New-Hampshire* and *Rhod-Island*. And *Thomas Newton* Esq. Judge-Deputy for the Colony of *Massachusetts-Bay*.

The 20. the Rd. Mr. *Pemberton* Preach'd an Excellent Sermon on 1 *Thes* 4. 11. *And do your own business:* Exhorting all Ranks & Degrees of Persons to do their own work, in order to a REFORMATION: which His Excellency has ordered to be Printed. [4]

The 21. His Excellency Dissolved the Gen. Assembly.

Rhode-Island 22. The Rd. Mr. *Lockyer* dyed on Thurs. last

Capt. *Toungrello* has taken Five Prizes off of *Curraso*, one of which is come in to *Rhode-Island* mostly Loaden with *Cocco*, *Tobacco*, *Liquors* &c. She is a *Curraso* Trader, as all the rest were. One of the Five was one *Larew* a *French-man*, a Sloop of 8 Guns & 8 Patteraro's 76 Men, Fought him Board and Board three Glasses; Captain *Larew* was kill'd, and 20 of his Men kill'd & wounded: Capt. *Toungrello* wounded thro' the Body; and five of his men, but none kill'd, he had but 40 Fighting Men, when he took *Larew*.

The 18 Currant, came in a Sloop to this Port from *Virginia*, the Master informed Governour *Cranston* Esq. he was Chased by a Top-sail Shallop off of *Block-Island*, which he judged to be a *French*

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2 Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. I, p. 100.

3 Ten Fac-Simile Reproductions Relating to Various Subjects, by Samuel Abbott Green; Curiosities of History, by William W. Wheildon.

4 This sermon was preached at a lecture in the South Meetinghouse, April 20, 1704. See Notes in The Acts and Resolves, . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 104.

Privateer, and that there was two other Vessels in her Company, which he judged to be her Prizes. Whereupon his Honour being concerning for the Publick Weal and Safety of Her Majesties good Subjects, immediately caused the Drum to beat for Voluntiers, under the Command of Capt. *Wanton*, and in 3 or four hours time, Fitted and Man'd a Brigantine, with 70 brisk young men well Arm'd, who Sail'd the following Night, returned last Evening, and gave his Honour an Account, that they found the aforesaid Shallop, with one other, and a Ketch at *Tarpolian* Cove, who were all Fishing Vessels belonging to *Marblehead* or *Salem*, who were Fishing off of *Block-Island*, one of them was a *French* built Shallop with a Topsail, which gave the great suspician that they were Enemies.

New-York, *April*, 17. By a Barque from *Jamacia*, (last from *Barmuda*, 7 Weeks Passage,) says, there was an Imbargo in that Island several Months, occasioned by News they had of a design the *French* & *Spaniards* had, to make a descent upon them: She came out with the Homeward bound *London* Fleet, who are gone home without Convoy.

Capt. *Davison* in the Eagle Gally, Sailes for *London*, in a Month, if the *Virginia* Fleet stays so long; he intends to keep them Company Home, if not, to run for it, being Built for that Service.

Philadelphia, *April*, 14. An Account that the *Dreadnaught* Man of War was Arrived in *Marryland*.

N. London, *April*, 20. The Adventure, A Vessel 60 Tuns, will Sail from thence to London, in three Weeks or a Months time.

Advertisement.

THis News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farms, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, *&c.* to be Sold, or Let; or Servants Runaway, or Goods Stole or Lost; may have the same inserted at a Reasonable Rate, from *Twelve Pence* to *Five Shillings*, and not to exceed: Who may agree with *John Campbel* Post-master of *Boston*.

All Persons in Town and Country, may have said News-Letter every Week, Yearly, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbel*, Post-master for the same.

[Below is the text of this advertisement as it appeared in the first edition of this issue.]

THis News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farmes, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, *&c.* to be Sold, or Lett; or Servants Runaway; or Goods Stoll or Lost, may have the same Inserted at a Reasonable Rate; from Twelve Pence to Five Shillings, and not to

exceed: Who may agree with *Nicholas Boone* for the same at his Shop, next door to Major *Davis's*, Apothecary in *Boston*, near the Old Meeting-House.

All Persons in Town and Country may have said News-Letter Weekly upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbell* Post-Master for the same.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 24. to Monday May 1. 1704.

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[THIS issue is a full sheet folio, the last page, however, blank. The foreign matter comprises extracts from the London Flying Post, December 23-25, covering European war news in advices from Warsaw, Zurich, and Vienna, and reports from Frankfort as to the design of France and Spain to divide Switzerland "betwixt them".]

South-Carolina Via New-York.

AN Account of what the Army from thence had done, under the Command of Colonel *Moore* in his Expedition last Winter against the *Spaniards* and *Spanish* Indians. In a Letter from him to the Governour of *Carolina*. May it please Your Honour to accept of this short Narrative of what I with the Army under my Command have been doing since my Departure from the *Ockomulgg* on the 19*th*. *December*. On the 14*th*. *January* we came to a Town, and strong and almost regular Fort about Sun Rising, call'd *Ayavalle*, at our first approach the Indians in it fired and shot Arrows at us briskly; from which we shelter'd our selves under the side of a great Mud-wall'd House, till we could take a view of the Fort, and consider of the best way of assaulting it: which we concluded to be by breaking the Church door, which made a part of the Fort, with Axes. I no sooner proposed this, but my men readily undertook it; ran up to it briskly, (the Enemy at the same time shooting at them) were beaten off without effecting it, and fourteen white men wounded, two hours after that we thought fit to attempt the burning the Church, which we did, three or four Indians assisting us: The Indians in it obstinately defending themselves, and kill'd us two white men, *viz. Frances Plowden*, and *Thomas Dale;* after we were within their

Fort, a Fryar the only white in it came forth and begged mercy: In this we took about 26 men alive, and 58 Women and Children; The Indians took about as many more of each sort, the Fryar told us, we kill'd in the two Storms Twenty five men. The next morning the Captain of St. *Lewis* Fort with 23 white men and 400 Indians came to Fight us, which we did, beat him, took him, and Eight of his men Prisoners: And as the Indians which say they did it, told us kill'd five or six Whites: We have a particular Account from our Indians of 168 Indian men kill'd and taken in the Fight and Flight, but the *Appalatchia* Indians say, they Lost 200, which we have reason to believe to be the least. Captain *John Berringer* Fighting bravely in the Head of our men was kill'd at my foot: Captain *Fox* dyed of a Wound given him at the first Storming of the Fort. Two days after I sent to the *Cassik* of *Ibitachuka*, who with 130 men was in his strong and well made Fort, to come and make his peace with me, the which he did, and compounded for it, with his Churches Plate, and ten Horses laden with Provisions: After this I marched thro' five Towns which had all strong Forts and Defences against small Arms; they all submitted and surrendered their Forts to me without condition. I have now in my Company all the whole People of three Towns, and the greatest part of four more: we have totally destroyed all the people of two Towns: So that we have left in *Appalatchia* but that one Town which compounded with one part of St. *Lewis*, and the people of one Town which run away all together; their Town, Church and Fort we have burnt. The People of St *Lewis* come to me every night. I expect and have advice that the Town which compounded with me, are coming after me: The waiting for these People make my Marches slow, for I'm willing to bring away with me free, as many of the Indians as I can: This being the Address of the Commons to Your Honour to Order it so, this will make my mens part of Plunder (which otherwise might have been 100*l.* a man) but small: but I hope with Your Honours assistance to find away to gratifie them for their bold and stout action, and their great loss of blood: I never see or hear of a stouter or braver thing done, than the Storming the Fort: It hath regained the reputation we seem'd to have lost under the Conduct of *Robert Macken*, the Indians having now a mighty value for the Whites: *Appalatchia* is now reduced to the feeble and low condition, that it can neither support St *Augustin* with Provision, or disturb, endamage or frighten us; our Indians living between us and *Appalatchia* and the *French*: In short we have made *Carolina* as safe as the conquest of *Appalatchia* can make it. If I had not so many men wounded in our first Attempt, I had assaulted St *Lewis* Fort, in which is about 28 or 30 men, and 20 of these came thither from *Panseccoola* to buy

Provision the first night after I took the first Fort. On Sabbath the 23d. Instant I came out of *Appalatchia* settle[ment], and am now about Thirty miles on my way home, but do not expect to reach it before the middle of *March*, notwithstanding my Horses will not be able to carry me to the Chereques Mountains. I have had a dirty, tedious and uneasie Journey, and though I have no reason to fear any harm from the Enemy, through the difference between the Whites and Indians, and between Indians and Indians, bad way and fales Alarms, do still labour under hourly uneasiness. The number of free *Appalatchia* Indians which are now under my protection, and bound with me to *Carolina* are 1300. And 100 for Slaves. The Indians under my Command kill'd and took Prisoners in the Plantation, whilst we Stormed the Fort, as many Indians as we and they took and kill'd in the Fort. *Dated in the Woods* 50 *Miles N. and E. of Appalatchia.*[5]

Piscataqua, April 22*d*. Last night arrived one *Parker* in a Sloop from *Antigua* 3 Weeks passage, Says, that the New General is daily expected with 14. or 16. Sail of men of War. That the French have 22. Sail of Privateers out.

Newbury, April 22. The Honourable Col. *Daniel Pierce* Esq. one of Her Majesties Council for this Province Dyed this Day.

Boston, April 24. By a Sloop arrived here from *Jamacia, Judah Thacher* Master, about 5 Weeks passage from thence; acquainted, That the man who gave information of a descent intended by the *French* and *Spaniards* to be made on that Island, being found false was put in Prison. That there was an Indian come from the *Mainland* of *New-Spain*, complaining to the Governour of *Jamacia*, of bad usage they had met from the *Spaniards*, and if His Excellency would send Forces, that the Indians would joyn them, and destroy the *Spaniards*, what they could: The Indian was a brisk little Fellow, whom his Excellency was pleas'd to Cloath well: but whither he would send Forces or not the Master could not tell. There was one Capt. *Christian* a French Privateer, in a small Snow about 6 Guns, Sailed from the *Havana*, with two more Privateer Sloops in Company, having on Board about 150 men, designed to Land on the North side of the Island of *Jamacia*, and plunder the People. But Capt. *Gelding* in a private man of War Sloop, 4 Guns, about 60 men, belonging to *Jamacia*, came up with said *Christian*, and his two Sloops; the which two Sloops he took, and gave *Christian* a broad side, and Chased him; but *Christian* out-sailing *Gelding*, made his escape, and

5 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Carroll's Historical Collections of South Carolina, Vol. II, 1836. Bancroft, in his History of the United States, Vol. II, p. 194, errs in referring to this invasion as having occurred in the last weeks of 1705.

got clear; which if Capt. *Gelding* had not met with, might have proved very detrimental to that Island.

Boston, April 28. An Express came to His Excellency from *New-Hampshire*, acquainting him, That there was a man found Dead and Scalpt near *Dover*, but whither kill'd by *English* or *Indians*, not yet known.

Sail'd from *Boston* this Week, Capt. *William Blaire*, in the Ship *Providence* for *Barbados*. *Zachariah Cauley*, in the Ship *John* for *Lisbon*. *Stephen Pain*, in the Sloop *Mary* for *Madera*. *John Moor* in the Ketch *New-Berry* for *Newfoundland*. *Richard Smith*, Brigateen *Dragon*, for *Antigua*. *Nehemiah Heath* in a Brigateen *Endeavour*, for *Ruanoke*.

And out-ward bound, *James Bridgham* for *Barbados*, in the Sloop *Unity*. *John Richards*, in the Brigateen *Sarah*, for *Jamacia:* And *Nathanael Vial* in a Sloop *Lark*, for said Port. *Joseph Brown*, in the Ketch *Freke*, for *Madera*. And Capt. *Giles Fyfield* in the Ship *Mary*, for *Antigua*, Sails within Ten days, from *Rhode-Island*. Capt. *Samuel Pain* in the Ship *Grayhound*, is bound for *Nevis*, will Sail in about a Fornight. *Judah Thacher* in a Sloop bound for *Jamacia*, will Sail about 20 days hence.

Piscataqua, April 28. By Letters thence, acquainted, That on the 18*th*. Marched Forty one English and Indians from *Salmon-Falls* unto *Winnopiscag* Ponds, and at the same time from thence (being the Seat of War) about 90 more *Eastward*, under the Conduct of Capt. *Brown*, having 8 dayes Provision, who Travelled thro' *Well's* round *Mowsum* River, and 20 Miles up *Saco*, being the most reputed Places for Fishing; they returned last *Wednesday*, but could not discover any Foot-steps of the Enemy, excepting one Canoo.

On *Tuesday* the 25 *Nathanael Meader* of *Dover* in *Oyster* River, being at work in his Field, and burning Brush, was waylaid by a Company of Indians, as he returned home about Sunset, who shot him through the thigh & leggs, then took, Scalpt, kill'd, and stript him Naked.

On *Wednesday* Morning a small Scout made a descent on *Lamprey, Eel River*, who destroyed *Edward Taylor*, at the Saw-mill, and took his Wife and Son Captive, as they went from the Garrison unto their dwelling-house, about a Mile and a half distant in the Woods. Major *Hilton* instantly raised about 20 men, who in a little time discovered the Enemies track, but the Night approaching, prevented any further discovery.

Rhode-Island, April 27. The Honourable Col. *Nathanael Byfield* Esq. his Commission for Judge of the Admiralty, was published and admitted of here, on the 25. Currant.

The prize that Capt. *Toungerlo* sent in, could not be condemned, in regard there was not Evidences sent in her; but those to whom she was conugned, proffer'd sufficient Bond and Security to respond said Goods, upon having liberty to take them on Shoar till could be condemned, which suppos'd would be granted.

New-York April 24. The *Dreadnought* with Colonel *Seymour*, Governour of *Maryland* Arrived the 10*th*. Instant. The *Virginia* Fleet will Sail the latter end of *May* for *London*. Captain *Davison* from hence designs to keep them Company, if they Sail at that time. On the 18th. Arrived a Sloop here from *Curaso:* the 23. a Sloop Arrived from *Madera*, 7 Weeks Passage, *Joseph Wright* Master. Capt. *Burges* and Capt. *Davies* lie ready to Sail for *Virginia*, for Convoy home.

☞Lost on the 10. of *April* last off Mr. *Shippen's* Wharff in *Boston*, Two Iron Anvils, weighing between 120 and 140 pound each: Whoever has taken them up, and will bring or give true Intelligence of them to *John Campbel* Post-master, shall have a sufficient reward.

Advertisement.

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All persons in Town and Country, may have said News-Letter every Week, Yearly, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbel*, Post master for the same.

A. E. Numb. 3.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday May 1. to Monday May 8. 1704.

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[IN this issue return was made to the half sheet folio of the first number, printed on both sides. The first page is largely taken up by extracts from the London Gazette, Novemb. 8 to 11, 1703, giving a report of the opening of Parliament and the queen's speech. The domestic news is more varied than that of the previous issues.]

By his Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New England.*

A PROCLAMATION[6] for a General FAST

UPon *Consideration of the troublesome State of* Europe, *by reason of the Calamitous Wars wherein those Nations are Engaged amongst themselves, and of Her Majesties Great & Just Interest therein: As also the present Circumstances of these Her Majesties Territories and Plantations, And the Influences which the Wars of* Europe *may have upon our selves; Together with the Hostilitie acted against us by the treacherous Murderous Salvages within our Limits.*

I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the desire of the Representatives, to Appoint Thursday, the 18th of May *next, A Day of Publick* Fasting *with* Prayer, *to be Observed throughout this Province, Humbly to Implore the Divine Mercy, for the Preservation of Her Majesties Sacred Person, That Her just Armes with those of her Allies may be prosperous in the Actions of this present Year; That the Forces in this Province Imployed in Her Majesties Service, may by the good Conduct of Heaven, be Succeeded in their just Enterprizes, and our Enemies Defeated; That the Defence of Divine Protection may be over our* Sea Coast *and* Inland Frontiers; *That our* Seed-time *and* Harvest, *may be under benign Influences of Heaven; That there may be a plentiful Effusion of the Holy Spirit of GOD, for a thorough* Reformation *of all those Evils which are amongst us, That so GOD may turn away His Anger, and Restore unto us a prosperous State: And that the Protestant Interest may every where prevail throughout the World. Exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Assemblies Religiously to perform the Duties required on such a Day, with a becoming Devotion; And all Servile Labour is forbiden thereupon.*

Given at *Boston* the *27th.* Day of *April 1704.* In the Third Year of Her Majesties Reign.

By Order of His Excellency and Council, *J. DUDLEY.*

Issac Addington Secr.

GOD Save the Queen.

Piscataqua, April 29. By[7] Letters thence, acquainted, That on Fryday the 28*th.* four *Indians* Seized a Servant Maid of *Richard*

6 Reprinted from the News-Letter in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 347.

7 Written on the margin of the copy in the file of the Massachusetts Historical Society: "This was a story invented by the Girl to conceal her staying too long at the Spring with a young man."

Waldron's Esq. at *Cocheco*, who went about 150 yards from the Garrison to a Spring, for a Jugg of Water, about half an hour after Sun down: Supposed to be the same *Indians* that did the Mischief mentioned in my last, upon *Nathanael Meader*, and *Edward Taylor:* They askt her many Questions; *Viz.* Whither there was not a *French* Shallop put on Shoar in *New-England* in a Storm? And what was become of the Frenchmen? Whither or not we had any Forces going out against the French? What number of Souldiers was in the Garrison? What Mr. *Waldron* had been doing in his Field all day? What he designed to do with that new Timber hal'd to the side of his House? They told her that they had lyen near his House all that day, and a Week before to wait to Catch him, whom they saw to pass over his Boom towards Capt. *Geerishes* two Hours, by Sun-set; and that they might take him on his return, they had crept down to the foot of the Boom, as near as possible: at which time the Maid came along, and were forced to take her, otherwise they must have been discovered: They told her also that they had been so near him in the Field, that one of them had Cock'd his Gun at him, and going to discharge, another perswaded him to forbear, he would presently have a better Shot at him: They likewise told her 'twas never the near for him to build his New Fortifications round his House, for they would certainly take him, and that 'twere in Vain for him to Plant his New Orchard in his Field, for he should neither eat the Apples, nor drink the Cyder, for that they would have him by & by, and roast him, and she should see it. In the Interim Mr *Waldron* coming over the Boom; the Watchman on the Top of his House, not knowing who it was, call'd out, *Stand;* which the *Indians* hearing, being frightened, ran all away, one stept back and with the head of his Hatchet, knock't the Girl down, and left her for Dead, who lay in the Spot two Hours, till being found wanting, was enquir'd after and search'd for at the Spring, where She was found, a little come to her self; hope She may do well, for her Skull is not broke. Thus Mr. *Waldron* narrowly escap'd.

Jamacia, by Letters *Via New-York* of *March* last, acquainted, that the Sea-horse Man of War, took 3 French Prizes, one belonging to *Peteguaves;* one of them got so near the Shore, and the man of War in pursuit of her is run on Shore upon the back side of *Jamacia*, and is lost.

Boston, Arrived this Week from *Barbados*, about a Months passage, Capt. *Alden*, *Green*, *Bennet*, *Foster*, *Barns*, and *Hobbs*, but bring no News, & *Everton* came out in Company, not yet Arrived, as also *Gurley* for *Marblehead*, and *Perkins* for *Cape Ann*. Arrived also Mr. *Montveil* in a Sloop from *N. York*, & Capt. *Shute* at *Ply-*

mouth, from *Saltitudos*, having lost his Mast in a Storm & necessitated to thro' overboard part of his Loading.

Outward Bound, *Judah Thacher* for *Jamacia*, and *Carteret Gillam* for *Rhode-Island*.

New-York, *May* 1. Yesterday Arrived a Sloop in 7 days from *Virginia*, by whom advised, that the Fleet will not Sail till the last Instant, or first of *June;* and that 2 Men of War are daily expected there from *Lisbon* to Strengthen the Convoy. Capt. *Davison* in the Eagle Gally hopes to Sail with them, he purposes from hence about 25 of this Month. Capt. *Burges* and *Davis* Sail'd last Week for *Virginia*, to joyn the Convoy home, and Capt. *Potter* designs also next Week. A Ship of 350 or 400 Tuns, Capt. *Harrison* Commander, was lately burnt in *Virginia* having on board 460 Hogsheads, 'tis said the Gunner went Drunk to Bed, and left a Candle burning in his Cabin, by which the Ship was fired & he and 2 or 3 were burnt in her.

Advertisements.

STollen the 4 instant in the Morning out of the house of James Cooper, near Charlestown Ferry in Boston, several sorts of mens Apparel, both Woollen & Linnen, by an Irish man, speaks bad English; he is a young man about 22 years of Age, low Stature, dark coloured hair, round visage, fresh coloured: he ript a small stript Ticking-bolster, and put some of the Goods in that he carryed away. Whoever discovers said Person, or Goods Stollen, so as both be secured, shall have sufficient reward at the place aforesaid.

AT Oysterbay on *Long-Island* in the Province of *N. York*, There is a very good Fulling-Mill, to be Let or Sold, as also a Plantation, having on it a large new Brick house, and another good house by it for a Kitchin, & work house, with a Barn, Stable, *&c.* a young Orchard and 20 Acres clear Land. The Mill is to be Let with or without the Plantation: Enquire of Mr. *William Bradford* Printer in *N. York*, and know further.

THis News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; & all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farms, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, *&c.* to be Sold or Let; or Servants, Run-away, or Goods Stole or Lost; may have the same inserted at Reasonable Rate, from Twelve-pence to Five Shillings & not to exceed: Who may agree with John Campbel Post-master of Boston for the same: And if in the Country, with the Post master of the respective Towns, to be transmitted to the Post master of Boston: & all such Advertisements are to be brought in Writing to said Post-Masters.

All Persons in Town & Country may have said News-Letter every

Week by the Year, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with John Campbel, Post-master for the same

[Reprinted: Lost, Two Iron Anvils, &c. as in May 1.]

N. E. Numb. 4.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 8. to Monday May 15. 1704.

MH—AS—NY

[A HALF sheet folio. The first page and part of the second, as that of May 8, occupied by foreign news. Under date of Westminster, November 11, 1703, are given the address of the House of Commons to the queen, and her majesty's answer; the queen's congratulatory letter to the king of Spain, and his answer; advices from Rome and Italy regarding the Pope's "partiality to the Spanish successor," and other matters. Then follow the domestic news paragraphs.]

Piscataqua May 6. Letters thence say no certain Intelligence of any Indians seen at Mr. *Waldron's* since last Week, only some were trackt about three miles above, *Nitchewanock*, in a Swamp where were Cranberries, and 'tis believ'd they saw our Scouts, and narrowly escap'd them; the tracks seeming very new. They are making what preparations they can to fortifie the place, in case of any Attack by the *French* and *Indians*.

Mr. *Shortridge* in a Ketch bound for Tersera touches at *Fyall;* several others for *Barbadoes* and the *Leward Islands*.

By His Excy. JOSEPH DUDLEY Esq. Capt. General and Gov. in Chief of the Province of *Mass. Bay*.

A PROCLAMATION

ALL Mariners, Seamen & others, That shall voluntarily enter themselves on board Her Majesties Ship *Jersey*, Capt. *George Rogers* Commander, on Her Majesties Service in the present Expedition, against Her Majesties Enemies, shall be kindly received & well treated during their being aboard, & be paid for their Service on Land: And within the space of Six Weeks or less, be returned again to *Boston*, Set on Shoar and be dismiss'd the Service. And the like Encouragement is hereby offered for any to enter on board Her Majesties Ship *Gosport*, Capt. *Thomas Smith* Commander. *Given under my hand at* Boston *the* 12. *day of* May, *In the Third year of Her Majestees Reign*, Anno. Dom. 1704. J. DUDLEY.

Boston, Arrived this Week, *Joseph Everton* & *Isaac Perkins* from

Barbados; *Ventiman* from *Jamacia;* and our private Man of War-Sloop came over *Nantucket* Sholes with about 16. Sail of Coasters, of which *Lathrop* from *Gilford*, *Loring* from *Saybrook*, *Mansfield* from *New-Haven*, *Harris* from *New-London*, *Curtise* from *Hartford*, with several others. *Kingsbury* and *Seargent* from *New-Castle*. Outward bound *Judah Thacher* and *Joseph Vial* for *Jamacia*, *John Scot*, *William Rouse*, *Samuel Winkle* and *Samuel Sherburn* for *Barbados*. *Tobias Green* for *Newfoundland*. *Timothy Purbank* for *Virginia*, *Benj. Thaxter* for the *West-Indies*, *Richard Smith* for *Antigua*. *John Monveil* for *N. York*, *David Mason* and *John Vincent* for *London:* And cleared out this Week, *Mountford* for *North Carolina*, *Cary*, for *Mounseratt*, *Price* for *Newfoundland:* Coasters, *Prince* for *Fairfield*, *Grover* for *Rhode-Island*.

We have hitherto had a very unseasonable backward Spring, this fort-night past great Rains, and Cold Easterly winds, which looks upon us with a black aspect.

On the 15. instant, His Excellency intends to take Journey for his Government of *New-Hampshire*.

Albany, By a Letter to His Excellency Governour *DUDLEY* the 12. Currant. acquainted, That the Enemy French & Indians, who did the mischief last Winter upon *Dearfield*, were got safe home to Canada with their Prisoners; And that notwithstanding the negligence of our People, they do acknowledge to have lost Two of their principal French Officers, and 50 French & Indians in the action. [8]

New-London, *May* 11. *Edward Patty* in the Adventure is beginning to load for *London*, and will Sail in about three weeks.

Rhode-Island, *May* 12. Arrived here a Brigantine on the 10 belonging to *Salem* from *Barbadoes*. Captain *Whiteborn* for *London* waits for men, intends to Sail in ten days. *Gross* and *Bernon* ready to Sail, one for *Barbadoes*, the other for Curraso.

New-York, *May* 8. On the 3*d*. Arrived here a Sloop from St. *Thomas*, in whom Mr. *John Vryling*, who Sail'd the 23d. *Decemb*. last from *Boston*, in the Ship St *Jacob* and *Philip*, of whom was Owner and Merchant, *Charles Farnam* Master bound for *Barbadoes*, & on the Sabbath following, lost her Mane and Misin Mast in a Storm, taken in sight of *Barbadoes*, and carried into Martinico, and says that 7 Weeks ago was a Prisoner at Martinico, that the Governour permitted him to go in a French Sloop bound for St. Thomas, That the French have taken 130 odd Vessels this War into Martinico, and when he left it there was 17 Privateers out. The Ships lately taken

8 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes in The Acts and Resolves . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 351.

and carried thither are, the Venetian Merchant, Captains, Alexander, the Ship Virgin, John Sherwood, Brintania William Bartrum, Darvar of Bidiford, Richard Barton of Liverpool, Henry Punsunby of Dublin, John Reading of Barbadoes, belonging to Boston, Twisden a Brigantine, Chadwel another, Farnam a Ship, Andrews, Porter a Sloop. Nicholas Bradock, and Crute of Philadelphia, Peylton of Bermuda, Johnson of Maryland, a Sloop Penley Master, Stephens a Ship of Boston taken into Guardiloop, after Mr. Vryling had been 14 days at St Thomas, had advice from Martinico, 5 Brigantines carried in thither, on Board of one of which was Major Wheeler of Barbadoes & several other Passengers, but what Ports bound to, or to whom the Brigantines belong'd heard not. The Ship Princess Anne bound from Barbadoes to London, being Leaky put into St Thomas, there condemn'd as insufficient to go to Sea; Yesterday from Albany by information from our Indians acquainted, that the *French* of *Canada* are sending out 300 men to attack some parts of *N. England.* We have very rainy, dirty, & cold Weather for the Season, and so continues. We hear the Virginia Fleet Sails the last of this Month: Captain Davison hopes to Sail this Month: The Wind & Weather hinders our Pensilvania Post coming in.

Advertisements.

THis News-Letter to be continued Weekly, all persons who have any Advertisements to insert, agreeing with Mr. *John Campbel* Postmaster, may have it done for twelve-pence to five shillings, not to exceed.

All Persons in Town & Country [&c. as in May 8].

[Reprinted: at Oyster Bay, fulling mill to be let, as in May 8.]

N. E. Numb. 5.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 15. to Monday May 22. 1704.

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[A HALF sheet folio. On the first page, foreign intelligence, comprising, under date of Westminster, Novemb. 12, 1703, the address of the lords to the queen, and the queen's answer; and advices dated Lisbon, March 27, respecting the reception by the king of Portugal of the fleet from England with the king of Spain on board. Domestic news also occupies a considerable part of this page and fills the entire second page. The imprint of this number is that which was on the issue May 1: "Boston: Printed by *B. Green.* Sold at the Post-Office, 1704."]

Piscataqua, *May*, 13. Letters thence acquaint us of some more damage, done by the Sculking Adversary, on the 11. instant *Nicholas Cole* of *Wells*, with *Nicholas Hogden*, *Thomas Dane* and *Benjamin Gough*, Souldiers, went about a Mile from Capt. *Wheelwright's* Garrison to Look after his Cattle, and on their return were Attack't by 12. Indians, who kill'd said *Cole* and *Hogden*, took *Dane* Captive, *Gough* escaping, advised Capt. *Hales* of it, who immediately called his Souldiers together; but the Enemy were fled.

Her Majesties Council by His Excy. direction hath appointed Thursday the 18. instant a day of Publick Fasting with Prayer, being the same day appointed by His Excy. & Council in the Province of *Mass. Bay* and for said ends contained in said Proclamation.

Arrived here *John Holicom* from *Antigua*. *Richard Shortridge* for *Fyall* wind-bound. Outward-bound, Capt. *Alcock* for *Barbadoes* ready to Sail, *John Frost* for said Port in Ten days, and *Robert Emery* in about 3 weeks, and *Richard Waterhouse* for St. Christophers in a Week.

Northampton, *May* 13. A Company of Indians and French, between day break and Sun-rising, about 60 Set upon a Garrison-house of *Benj. Jones's*, about two Miles from the body of the Town, and set fire to it ere they were aware of it; Kill'd and carryed Captive about 30. Persons. The Town being Alarmed, pursued them, the Enemy finding it, scattered themselves into parties; and so did the English into Ten in a Company, pursuing them; Capt. *Taylor* was kill'd in the pursuit.[9]

Boston, *May*, 15. This day an Embargo was laid on all outward Bound Ships. The 16. dyed the Rd. Mr. *William Corbin*. On the 11. Currant Arrived Mr. *Jacob Fowle* of *Marblehead*, at *Stoningtown*, in a small Sloop, about 22. days from *Curaso:* he was lately an Apprentice to Mr. *Bulfinch* Sail-maker of *Boston;* went out some 12 Months ago, in one *Reddinton* from *Rhode-Island* for *Curaso*, in order to go a Privateering, when they came there; the Governour broke their measures, the men Shipt themselves some one way and some another, his Lot was to go on board a Dutch man, bound for to trade with the Spaniards, in a Ketch of 10. Guns, A Spaniard met them, kill'd the Dutch Lieutenant. The Master, Merchant and others upon it jumpt into the hole, before the Spaniard so much as boarded them; and if they had fought needed not have been taken. When they were carryed into New-Spain, where he was about 9 Months, all the men were sent to the Mines, he being Sick was spared: and when somewhat recovered, the Governour of the place, wanting a

9 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 489. See News-Letter No. 8.

Sute of Sails to be made for a Sloop, hearing he was a Sail-maker, put him to make them; for which [he] had a very small reward, a bit of Meat the breadth of a mans Finger, and a little Cassadar bread, his chief Diet while in N. Spain was Oysters. A Trader being bound along the Coast wanted a hand, came to the Governour to desire the English man, and promised to return him again, when he came back; 'twas granted: So Mr. *Fowle* went along with him, and coming into a certain Port where a French man of War lay; he went on board, & met another English man, to whom, he said, that if he would go along with him, he would come for him in the Night, & would carry him off, 'twas agreed, the other should be in the Lyon in the head, & he should come with his Canoo, and take him in; and they two should knock the Spaniards of the Barque alongo in the head, and come away with her, and accordingly he took the Canoo in the night, when the Spaniard was asleep, and put in her two Guns, two Cutlaces and 2 Pistols, took the Ancient for a Sayl and Sails to the Man of War; The Watch on Board was too quick sighted for him, espied 'em, and was forced to paddle back again with all his might, put the Ancient in his place: The Spaniards still asleep knew nothing of it. In some short time afterwards, the Spaniards going all ashore leaving him & a *Spanish Indian* on board, he stept & unloos'd the Sails of the Barque-alongo, told the Indian if he would go along with him might go & should fare well, he said still no, no, & went to take up a Handspoke to knock out Mr. *Fowls's* brains, in the interim Mr. *Fowle* tript up his heels, & threw him Over-board, and put to Sea; the Spaniards on Shoar Man'd their Canoo to overtake him, came up with him: The Boatswain first put his hand upon the Barque alongo, & Mr. *Fowle* stab'd him and he fell backwards, the Captain seeing that, said, put off; The Fort Fired several shot at him, some whereof came thro' his Sayls; They also Man'd a Parriagar after him, & pursued him about 8 hours till midnight; but having a fair wind, in about two dayes got safe in to *Curraso* about 70 Leagues distant from the Port in *New-Spain* he came from, having on Board about 19000 of Cocoa: The Lieut. Gov. of *Curraso* forgave him the Custom of it, saying he well deserved it. He Sold his Vessel & Cargo there: And bought the Sloop in which he came home in; he met with a violent Storm the 4 instant. He says that of late the Spaniards kill all the *English* they take, but saves the *Dutch* alive. *Zachariah Hill* of *Boston* in a Sloop of Mr. *Lillys* being bound to *Jamaica*, fell in with 7 *French* Men of War, and was taken. Mr. *Fowle* spoke with his Mate at *Curaso*.

Entered Inwards *Th. Higbe*, *John Finch*, *Wil. Tiller* and *Dirick Adolph* from *N. York*, *Plumbe* from *N. London*, *Lewis* from *Saybrook*, *Bracket* and *Gardiner* from *Piscataqua*, Cap. *Shute* from *Saltitudoes*, *Pickman* and *Elson* from *Lisborn*.

Outward-bound, *Ezekiel Cravat*, and *John Ventiman* for *Jamaica*, *Smith* for *Montserat*, *John Foster* for *Barbados*. Cleared Outwards, Coasters, *Kingsbury* and *Flood* for *Piscataqua*. Arrived at Marblehead, Capt. *Quelch* in the Brigantine that Capt. *Plowman* went out in, are said to come from *New-Spain* & have made a good Voyage.[10]

Rhode-Island May 18. Yesterday Arrived a Sloop from *Suranam*, 5 Weeks Passage, *Robert Stanton* Master, in whom came a Passenger, who says, That just ere they came out, a Vessel Arrived directly from *Holland*, who gave the Account of 54 Privateers fitted out of *Middleborough* and *Flusing*, of 30 Guns the least, and 200 Men each. They are not only to Cruise in the Channel, but to distribute themselves all over the *West-Indies;* there had like to have been in *Zealand* a Civil War about their going out, but at last it was agreed to, and the Commissions granted in one day. No more Trade said to be allow'd from those Ports, and what are liable to be Seized.

Arrived here this Day the Sloop *Mary*, *Hugh Coward* Master, from *New-York*, Burthen'd about 40 Tuns, designs if possible to Load hence for *London:* Capt. *Fyfield* will be ready to Sail for *Antigua* the latter end of this Week, Capt. *Whitehorn* by the latter end of next for *London*, *Via Virginia* with the Convoy.

New-London, *May* 18. The Adventure Brigantine for *London*, Sayles the latter end of next week, the Master *Patty* being dead the Owners designs *Samuel Chester* Master, and to go with the *Virginia* Fleet. Mr. *Shaply* is preparing to go to *Barbadoes.*

New-York, *May* 15. Capt. *Davison* designs to Sail for *London* the latter end of this Month, *Via Virginia*, if the Fleet be not gone, the last Storm put our *Pensilvania* Post a week behind, and is not yet com'd in.

Philadelphia, *May* 4. On the second Arrived *Stephen Codman* from *Boston*, *Gravenrad* from *New-York*, *Almary* a Sloop from *Rhode-Island:* and yesterday Sailed *Hicks* in a Sloop for *Rhode-Island*, a Brigantine is Loading for *England*, to sail with the *Virginia* Convoy.

Advertisements.

CAptain *Peter Lawrence* is going a Privateering from *Rhode-Island*, in a good Sloop, about 60 Tuns, six Guns, and 90 Men for *Canada*, and any Gentlemen or Sailors that are disposed to go shall be kindly entertained.

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10 Captain John Quelch, "the Pirate." See News-Letter Nos. 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 (1705) *post*. See foot-note 48, News-Letter No. 14 *post*, pointing to a detailed account of the "Quelch affair" based on the News-Letter reports.

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N. E. Numb. 6.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 22. to Monday May 29. 1709.

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[FOREIGN matter fills the large part of the first page: comprising, under date *London*, *November* 26, 1703, "Advice from Turin," and an account of "the most violent Storm of Wind, being W. S.W. that ever was known in England . . . blowing down a multitude of Chimnies, Houses and tops of Houses, whereby a great many People were kill'd in their beds, and several wounded." The domestic news includes a proclamation by the lieutenant-governor for the apprehension of the pirate John Quelch and his band, and reports concerning their movements.]

By the Honourable Thomas Povey Esq. Lieut. Governour and Commander in Chief, for the time being, of Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION [11]

WHereas **John Quelch*, late Commander of the Briganteen *Charles* and Company to her belonging, *Viz.* **John Lambert*, **John Miller*, **John Clifford*, **John Dorothy*, **James Parrot*, *Charles James*, *William Whiting*, *John Pitman*, *John Templeton*, *Benjamin Perkins*, **William Wiles*, *Richard Lawrence*, *Erasmus Peterson*, *John King*, *Charles King*, *Isaac Johnson*, *Nicholas Lawson*, *Daniel Chevalle*, *John Way*, *Thomas Farrington*, *Matthew Primer*, *Anthony Holding*, *William Rayner*, *John Quittance*, *John Harwood*, *William Jones*, *Denis Carter*, *Nicholas Richardson*, *James Austin*, *James Pattison*,

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11 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 388. See News-Letter Nos. 5 *ante*, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

Joseph Hutnot, *George Peirse*, *George Norton*, *Gabriel Davis*, *John Breck*, *John Carter*, *Paul Giddens*, *Nicholas Dunbar*, *Richard Thurbar*, *Daniel Chuley* and others; Have lately Imported a considerable Quantity of Gold dust, and some Bar and Coin'd Gold, which they are Violently Suspected to have gotten & obtained by Felony and Piracy, from some of Her Majesties Friends and Allies, and have Imported and Shared the same among themselves, without any Adjudication or Condemnation thereof, to be lawful Prize. The said Commander and some others being apprehended and in Custody, the rest are absconded and fled from Justice.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, strictly to Command and Require all Officers Civil and Military, and other Her Majesties Loving Subjects, to Apprehend and Seize the said Persons, or any of them, whom they may know or find, and them secure and their Treasure, and bring them before one of the Council, or next Justice of the Peace, in order to their being safely Conveyed to *Boston*, to be Examined and brought to Answer what shall be Objected against them, on Her Majesties behalf.

And all Her Majesties Subjects, and others, are hereby strictly forbiden to entertain, harbour or conceal any of the said Persons, or their Treasure; Or to convey away, or in any manner further the Escape of any of them, on pain of being proceeded against with utmost Severity of Law, as accessaries and partakers with them in their Crime.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston, *the* 24th. *Day of* May: *In the Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady* ANNE, *by the Grace of GOD of* England, Scotland, France *&* Ireland, *QUEEN*, *Defender of the Faith*, &c. Annoque Domi. 1704.

By Order of the Lieut. Governour & Council, *T. POVEY.*

Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

St. Christophers, *May* 2*d*. Arrived a small Boat with 4 English men that made their escape from *Martinico*, who related that the French there were very scarce of Provisions; whereupon the Governour had released all the Prisoners, and had ordered two Vessels to carry them off: but in the interim Two French Privateers met with two *Bristol* men loaden with Provisions from *Ireland*, one of which being of some Force sunk one of the Privateers; the other having taken 'tother *Bristol* man, and seeing his confederate sunk, took up most of his men, and also took the Second and carryed both in to *Martinico;* upon which the Governour clapt up all the Prisoners

again. They also said the French had taken one *Pease* of *Rhode-Island*, who stoutly resisted the Privateer, kill'd one of them, and wounded several; however being too strong for him, they boarded him, & he cry'd quarter, yet notwithstanding because of his Noble courage they barbarously kill'd him. They also report one *Shute* to be taken. There was 12 Merchant men Arrived at St. *Christophers*, and 3 men of War from *England* bound for *Jamiaca*. A French Privateer came under the Fort at St. *Christophers* and took a Sloop call'd the *N. London*, and the Sheerness Gally immediately went out after him and retook the Sloop, and took the Privateer.

From St. *Thomas*, acquainted that a Dutch Merchant-man of about 22 Guns, loaden with 500 Pipes of *Madera*, bound to *Curaso*, put in to *Tabago*, a French Privateer of about equal Guns, 200 men met him, made a stout resistance, kill'd the Privateer 40 men besides those wounded; at last the French man overcame, and sent him in to *Martinico*, he himself being so disabled, was forced to put in to St. *Thomas's* to Carreen.

Piscataqua, May 26. His Excellency hath Prorogued the Assembly until July: He sets out this morning towards *Boston*.

New York, May 22. Capt. *Davison*, Sails next Monday for *Virginia*, and if the Fleet be gone he designs to follow them.

Boston, May 27. Our last gave an Account of Capt. *Quelch's* being said to Arrive from *N. Spain*, having made a good Voyage; but by the foregoing Proclamation 'tis uncertain whence they came, and too palpably evident they have committed Piracies, either upon her Majesties Subjects or Allies. The Names of so many of the Pirates as are in Prison & Irons in *Boston*, have a * just before their Names: *William Whiting* lyes Sick like to dy not yet examin'd. There are two more of them Sick at *Marblehead*, and another in *Salem* Goal: and *James Austin* Imprisoned at *Piscataqua*.[12] Arrived here yesterday two Sloops, *Waters* from *Madera's* 7 weeks Passage, and *Fortune Reddock* from St. *Christophers* in 22 days. His Excellency came Home this day from his Government of *New-Hampshire*.

Annapolis, May 8. *Via Philadelphia May* 16. By Capt. *Evans*, in a Ship from *Bristol* lately arrived in *Virginia*, acquainted, that the Fleet for *England* was to stay till the last of this Month. [A number of items of foreign news brought by this ship follow.]

Rhode-Island May 26. Five of *Quelch's* Men bought a small deck'd Boat, and on *Thursday* morning last they Sail'd, and 'tis said, they designed to go for *Long-Island;* The Express from *Boston*

12 See News-Letter Nos. 5 *ante*, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14, (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

to secure them coming in that night. His Honour Gov. *Cransten* Esq. Issued forth Warrants to seize and search for them, whereupon one of said Crew was Apprehended, and sent from Constable to Constable, in order to be sent to *Boston.*[13]

Jamaica, Feb. 7. *Via Philadelphia, Piemento*, Gov. of *Carthageen* hath not embraced *Philip* the 5th, & would not suffer either *French* Officers, Souldiers, or Merchant Traders, into the City since the War, but rejected those sent from St *Domingo:* He was last War a Brigadier in *Flanders*, esteemed to be a great Souldier: Both Gov. *Selvin*, and our present Gov. spoke very honourably of him rendred himself a person having a great honour for our Nation, lodg'd his Cash with our Merchants here to remit to *England*, where he has a bank, as also in *Holland.*

Advertisements.

[Reprinted: the News-Letter advertisement, as in May 22.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 29. to Monday June 5. 1704.

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[THE first page in part occupied, under date London *November* 30, 1703, by "*A List of Her Majesties Ships cast away in the Late Storm, with an Account of the Number of Men Lost;*" and report of the action of the house of commons thereon. The remainder of the space in this number is given wholly to domestic news, which includes a proclamation by the governor relative to Quelch and company; the list of members of the council and of the house of representatives chosen for the ensuing year; and the speech of Governor Dudley at the opening of the General Court.]

By His Excellency, *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in & over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay & New-Hampshire* in *New-England* in *America.*

A PROCLAMATION.[14]

WHereas during my late absence from the Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, for Her Majesties Service in the other part of my Government, *viz.* the said Province of *New-Hampshire;* The Honorable

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13 See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14, (1704), 63, 66 *post.* See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post.*

14 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 389. See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post.* See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post.*

Thomas Povey Esq. Lieutenant Governour, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, Emitted a Proclamation for the Seizing & Securing of *John Quelch*, late Commander of the Briganteen *Charles*, & Company, *Viz. John Lambert, John Miller, John Clifford, John Dorothy, James Parrot, Charles James, William Whiting, John Pitman, John Templeton, Benjamin Perkins, William Wilde, Richard Lawrance, Erasmus Peterson, John King, Charles King, Isaac Johnson, Nicholas Lawson, Daniel Chevalle, John Way, Thomas Farrington, Matthew Pimer, Anthony Holding, William Rayner, John Quittance, John Harwood, William Jones, Denis Carter, Nicholas Richardson, James Austin, James Patterson, Joseph Hutnot, George Peirse, George Norton, Gabriel Davis, John Breck, John Carter, Paul Giddins, Nicholas Dunbar, Richard Thurbar, Daniel Chuley, Christopher Scudamore,* and others, them violently Suspected of Felony and Piracy, committed upon some of Her Majesties Friends and Allies.

And it being now made Evident by the Confession of some of the said Persons apprehended and Examined, That the Gold & Treasure by them Imported, was rob'd and taken from the Subjects of the Crown of *Portugal*, on whom they have also acted divers Villanous Murders.

I Have thought fit, by & with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to issue forth this further Proclamation, hereby strictly Commanding & Requiring all Officers Civil & Military, & other Her Majesties Loving Subjects, to Apprehend & Seize the said Pirates, or any of them: (The Commander *Quelch, Lambert, Wilde, Dorothy, Clifford, Parrot, Miller, Whiting, Richardson,* & *Austin*, being already in Custody) whom they may know or find, with their Treasure, and to secure the same, and bring them before one of the Council, or next Justice of the Peace, in order to their being safely Conveyed to *Boston*, to be Examined & brought to Answer what shall be Objected against them, on Her Majesties behalf. And whosoever shall discover & Seize any of the said Pirates or Treasure concealed, and deliver them to Justice, shall be well Rewarded for their pains.

And all Her Majesties Subjects & others are hereby strictly forbiden to entertain, harbour or conceal any of the said Pirates or their Treasure; Or to convey away, or in any manner to further the Escape of any of them; On pain of being Proceeded against with utmost Severity of Law, as Accessaries & partakers with them in their Crimes: And any who conceal or have in their custody any of the said Treasure, & shall not disclose & make known the same unto some one or more of the Council, with an Accompt of the Quantity & Species, & render the same unto the Commissioners appointed for that purpose, within the space of Twenty Days next after the

Publication hereof at *Boston*, shall be alike proceeded against. And the Sheriffs are required immediately to Publish this Proclamation in the most principal Towns in their County, and Post up the same, and cause it to be Posted up in all other Towns.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the *Twenty-ninth* Day of *May*, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady *ANNE* by the Grace of *GOD*, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c. *J. DUDLEY*

By Order of the Governour and Council,
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Besides these mentioned in Custody already, there is also *Christopher Scudamore*, *Rich. Lawrance*, & *Matt. Pimer*.

Boston, *May* 31, 1704. *The Members of Her Majesties Council for the Ensuing Year*, Viz.[15]

Wait Winthrop Esq. *James Russel* Esq. *John Hathorne* Esq. *Elisha Hutchinson* Esq. *Samuel Sewall* Esq. *Isaac Addington* Esq. *William Brown* Esq. *John Phillips* Esq. *Jonathan Corwin* Esq. *John Foster* Esq. *Penn Townsend* Esq. *John Higginson* Esq. *Samuel Pattridge* Esq. *Andrew Belcher* Esq. *Samuel Legg* Esq. *Edward Bromfield* Esq. *Ephraim Hunt* Esq. *Samuel Appleton* Esq. *John Walley* Esq. *John Thacher* Esq. *Isaac Winslow* Esq. *Nathanael Payne* Esq. *Eliakam Hutchinson* Esq. *Joseph Hammond* Esq. *Benjamin Brown* Esq. *Joseph Lynde* Esq.

The Members of the House of Representatives for the several Towns, are as follows. And those that have this Mark † are new ones.[15]

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15 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 61-63. In the list of members of the council are these changes in the Province Laws print: Russell for Russel; Browne for Brown in both cases; Nathaniel Paine for Nathanael Payne; and Eliakim for Eliakam Hutchinson. In the list of representatives, the following: Dorchester, Hopestill for Hopestil Clap; Braintree, Lieut. Baxter instead of Mr.; Salem, Major Browne instead of Browne Esq., Wolcott for Wolcot; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewet; Newbury, Deacon Noyes instead of Mr.; Lynn, Burrill for Burril; Marblehead, Brattle for Bratle; Beverly, Woodbery for Woodberry; Wenham, Deacon Fiske, for Mr.; Topsfield, blank filled: Sergeant John Hovey, Sergeant Daniel Redington; Gloucester, Ensign Coit instead of Mr.; Boxford, Symonds for Simons; Amesbury, Foott for Foot; Cambridge, Mr. Oliver instead of Capt.; Watertown, John for Jos. Sherman; Sudbury, Balcom for Balcam; Marlborough, Capt. Howe instead of Mr. How; Concord, Wheller for Wheeler; Bilerica, Richeson for Richardson; Woburn, Major Converse instead of Converse Esq.; Reading, Sweyne for Swain; Malden, Willson for Wilson; Dracut, Varnam for Varnum; Plymouth, Capt. Warren instead of Warren Esq.; Bridgewater, David for Daniel Perkins; Duxbury, Josiah for Joshua Holmes; Yarmouth, Capt. Samuel Howes for Mr. Sam Hows; Springfield, blank filled: Deacon John Hitchcock; Bristol, Simeon for Simon Davis; Rehoboth, blank filled: Mr. Enoch Hunt, Mr. Benjamin Allen; Swanzey, Perce for Pierce; Dartmouth, Samson for Sampson; Kittery, Ensign Leighton for Mr. Layton.

Boston, Mr. Tho. Oakes, Capt. Sam. Checkley, Capt. Eph. Savage, Mr. Elizr. Holyoke. *Roxbury*, Mr. Wil. Denison. *Dorchester*, Mr. Hopestil Clap. *Milton*, Capt. Tho. Vose. *Braintrey*, Mr. John Baxter. *Weymouth*, Capt. Steph. French. *Dedham*, Capt. Dan. Fisher. *Medfield*, †Mr. John Metcalfe, *Hingham*, Mr. Theoph. Cushing. *Woodstock*, †Mr. Philip Eastman. *Salem*, †Sam. Brown, Esq. †Josiah Wolcot, Esq. *Ipswich*, Mr. Nehem. Jewet, †Capt. Wil. Goodhue. *Newbury*, †Mr. Cutting Noyes. *Lynn*, †John Burril, Esq. *Marblehead*, †Capt. Edw. Bratle. *Beaverley*, Mr. Isaac Woodberry. *Wenham*, †Mr. William Fiske. *Topsfield*, [blank]. *Glocester*, †Mr. Nath. Coit. *Boxford*, †Mr. Sam. Simons. *Rowley*, †Mr. John Dresser. *Salisbury*, †Mr. Rich. Hubbard. *Amsbury*, †Mr. John Foot. *Andover*, †Mr. John Chandler. *Haverhill*, †Mr. Sam. Watts. *Charlestown*, Cap. Sam. Phipps. *Cambridge*, Capt. Tho. Oliver. *Newton*, †Mr. John Spring. *Watertown*, Mr. Jos. Sherman. *Sudbury*, Mr. John Balcam. *Marlborough*, †Mr. Tho. How. *Concord*, Mr. John Wheeler. *Chelmsford*, Capt. Jer. Bowers. *Billerica*, Mr. Tho. Richardson. *Wobourn*, Jam. Converse, Esq. Speaker. *Reading*, †Major Jer. Swain. *Malden*, Capt. Jos. Wilson. *Sherbourn*, †Mr. Wil. Rider. *Dracut*, †Mr. Jos. Varnum. *Plimouth* †Ja. Warren, Esqr. *Scituate*, Mr. Sam. Clap. *Marshfield*, Mr. Sam. Sprague. *Bridge-water*, †Mr. Daniel Perkins *Duxbury*, †Mr. Joshua Holmes. *Barnstable*, †Mr. Samuel Hinckley. *Sandwich*, †Mr. Sam. Prince. *Yarmouth*, †Mr. Sam. Hows. *Eastham*, Mr. Sam. Knowles. *Springfield*, [blank]. *Northampton*, †Captain Preserved Clap. *Hadley*, †Mr. Dan. Marsh. *Bristol*, †Captain Simon Davis. *Rehoboth*, [blank]. *Swansey*, Mr. Ephraim Pierce. *Taunton*, †Capt. Hen. Hodges. *Dartmouth*, Mr. Ja. Sampson. *Little-compton*, †Jos. Church, Esq. *York*, †Cap. Lewis Bane. *Kittery*, †Mr. John Layton. *Nantuckett*, †Ja. Coffin Esq.

His Excellency, Joseph Dudley *Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Province of the* Massachusetts-Bay *in* New-England, *&c. His Speech to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at* Boston, June 1, 1704.

Gentlemen,

I Had the Advice of the last Assembly for an Expedition to the Eastward, to consist of Six hundred men, who accordingly Sailed from *Piscataqua*, about ten days since well Equipt, assisted with two of Her Majesties Ships, the *Jersey*, and the *Gosport*, & the *Province-Gally*. I have directed the Commander in Chief, to give me a Weekly Intelligence from the Forces by a Scout Shallop, which I shall always acquaint you with.

The Frontiers of the Province are reduced to strict Garrisons, and covered with 300 & fifty men, who meet every day in small parties from the two extreams, *Woodstock & Wells*. And if it were possible for me by any means to bring the Queens good Subjects in the several parts, to do their duty in Watching & Scouting, I have no doubt we might be in a great measure safe from the incursions of the barbarous Rebels.

The Advice from the Enemy on the Western Parts of the Province, give notice of their approach & settlement upon *Connecticut* River, who must if possible be dislodged, & I believe the Government of *Connecticut* will joyn a pro[per] force with some of ours for that end.

I am very sensible, the Charge of the Province is very great to support these Services, but the Assembly at all times (I thank them) have agreed the necessity, & have chearfully granted the necessary Charge.

I hope we shall never fall below the courage & resolution of *English*-men, to support Her Majesties Honour, our own just right to this Province, with all humble submission, and trust in the favour of Almighty God to defend and maintain us.

The Last Week has discovered a very notorious Piracy, committed upon Her Majesties Allies the *Portugal*, on the Coast of *Brazil*, by *Quelch* and Company, in the *Charles* Gally; for the discovery of which, all possible methods, have been used, and the severest Process against those vile men shall be speedily taken. That the Province be not thereby disparaged, as they have been heretofore; and I hope every good man will do his Duty according to the several Proclamations, to discover the Pirates & their Treasure, agreeable to the Acts of Parliament in that case made and provided.

Gentlemen,

It is your Anniversary Meeting, and I shall willingly attend the dispatch of the necessary Affairs of the Province, and I hope you will proceed with all Unanimity and Chearfulness in what is necessary for the support of the Government, and the Forces abroad: And your Advice in every thing shall be acceptable to me.

The Anniversary Election Sermon was Preached by the Rd. Mr. *Jon. Russel* upon *Neh.* 9. 33. And is order'd to be Printed

Boston June 3. Entered inwards this week, *Hill* & *Cook*, from St. *Christophers; Robinson* from *Hundoras*, permitted to clear outwards: *Green* for *Newfoundland*, *Thaxter* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters inwards, *Jackson*, *Seargent*, *Webber*, *Kingsbury*, *Flood* & *Gardner* from *Piscataqua*. *Hall*, *Horton* & *Smith* from *Connecticut*: *Parker* from *N-York*: Coasters outward, *Lathrop* for *Martha's-Vinyard*, *Higby*, *Smith* & *Adolph* for *N-York*; *Plumb*, *Curtice*, *Loring*, *Lewis*, *Starkey* &

Harris for *Connecticut.* Outward bound, *Reddock* for St. *Christophers.* Captain *Ebenezer Coffin* in the Sloop *Anne*, a Private Man of War, came in on *Thursday* the 1st currant, as Convoy to the above Coasters

Nantucket May 30. There was an Indian Woman found dead and supposed to be kill'd by her own Husband, who fled & swam over to another small Island call'd *Tuckanuck*, and was apprehended, & is now in Irons at *Nantucket.*

Beaverly May 27. *Jonathan Wheeler* in a Ketch is Arrived in 5 Weeks from *Antigua*, was chased by a Sloop in sight of the Island, & next morning chased by a Ship of 22 Guns, & in the chase spied the *Sheerness* Gally, & made to her & left the Ketch, & the Privateer to shun her, run ashore upon *Grandterre*, the Man of War not being acquainted, and shole water, would not venture, but went to *Antigua*, to fetch a Sloop to get her off, & ere he returned, they were gone. On the 23 of *April* a Ship fought a Privateer off of *Antigua* two hours, but being too strong for her, took and carried her away.

Piscataqua June 1. On Sabbath last, some of the sculking Enemy lay in Ambush for people at *Cochecho*, going to Publick Worship, & narrowly escap't being on Horseback, ran safely by them, scouts went out immediately after them, & found some dryed Beef, & pewter bullets in the Thicket where they lay.

There waits for a fair Wind, Cap. *Frost* & *Hull* for *Barbadoes*, *Almery* for *Antigua*, *Parker* for *Madera.*

Rhod-Island June 2. Cap. *Whitehorn* sails in 10 days for *Virginia* & *London.*

New-London June 1. Capt. *Chester* sails in 10 days for *Virginia* & *London.*

New-York May 29. Cap. *Davison* sails in 10 days for *London*, fears will be too late for the *Virginia* Convoy who are said to sail the 1st of *June.*

Advertisements

TWo Negro men, and one Negro woman & Child: to be Sold by Mr. *John Colman*, Merchant; to be seen at Col. *Charles Hobbey*, Esq. his House in *Boston.*

RAn-away from his Master *Seth Sweetzer* of *Charlstown*, in *N.-Engl. August* 15. 1703. A Young man, named *John Logen*, about 19 Years of Age, of a middle Stature, black Hair, by occupation a Taylor, he's said to be gone to *Long-Island*, thence to *Pensilvania:* Whosever shall take him up & convey him safe to his Master shall have 4 pounds reward.

THis News Letter is to be continued Weekly, and all who have Advertisements to insert, may have 'em at a reasonable rate, from 12*d.* to 5*s.* not to exceed: And all persons in Town & Country may have said News-Letter every week by the Year: Agreeing with *John Campbell* Post Master for the same.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday June 5. to Monday June 12. 1704.

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[IN the first column on the first page is London news of date "from *Nov.* 30 to *Decemb.* 11. 1703. *Plymouth Nov.* 28." and also news from various European capitals referring particularly to the heavy autumn storms on the continent. At the head of the second column on the first page is part of a letter of Jeremiah Collier headed "*Mr* Jeremiah Collier, *Writing a Letter to a Person of Quality upon occasion of the late Tempest,*" and signed "*Your most Humble Servant*, J. C. December 10. 1703" The domestic news is of unusual variety, interest and importance.]

St. *Christophers May* 13. *Col. William Matthews* daily expected General, with 17 Sail of Men of War, and Col. *Gibson's* Regiment and this Regiment to go in the said Fleet, their design not yet publick.

Boston June 10. This morning arrived an Express to His Excellency from *Piscataqua*, with Letters from Col. *Church*, Chief Commander of the Forces lately gone into the Bay of *Fundey*, Dated at *Mont Desart* the 4 *June Currant.* acquainting His Excellency of their having insulted & laid waste several French Settlements along the Coast, taken some considerable booty of Furrs, Peltry, *&c.* from the Enemy, kill'd some Indians, and taken several French Prisoners, and rescued (one *Michael Webber* a Captive, carried from *Papadock*) out of the Enemies hand. That our Souldiers and Mariners on board the several Vessels were in good health: That Her Majesties two Ships the *Gosport* & *Jersey* had newly joyned them, and that they were designed further up the Bay, on the French side.

The Prisoners say, That Provisions are very dear and scarce at *Portroyal:* That there is but 10 or 12 Houses on the Plot of the Fort, and 200 Souldiers in the Fort, and about 300 Inhabitants upon the River on both sides about 5 leagues up. That the number of Indians there, are about 40 Families, and about a like number at *Passamisquady* Fort and parts adjacent. That the Indians were to have a

general Rendezvouz about the middle of *June*, at or near to the House of Monsieur *Tho. Lefebure*.

His Excellency intends to bring forward the Tryal of *Quelch* and Company now in Custody for Piracy within a few days.[16]

Warrants are issued forth to seize and apprehend Capt. *Larimore*, in the *Larimore* Galley, who is said to have Sailed from Cape *Anne* with 9 or 11 Pirates of Capt. *Quelch's* Company.[16]

There is two more of the Pirates seized this week and in Custody, *viz. Benjamin Perkins*, and *John Templeton*.[17]

In our News-Letter *Numb.* 5. We gave an Account of 30 Kill'd and Captivated by the Enemy at *Northampton*, of which number there are since come & brought in alive Eleven Persons.[18]

Entred inwards this week, *John Moor* from *Nevis*, *Stephen Codman* junior from *Fyal*, and *William Henderson* from *Lisbon*, and Coasters, *Jonathan Sayer* from *N-York*, *Eleazar Darby* from *Pensilvania*, *Corney* and *Bracker* from *Piscataqua*, *Blin* and *Webb* from *Connecticut*. Outward bound, *Tho. Sill*, *Zachery Aldin* and *John Harris* for *Leward Islands*, *Philip Lewis* for *Suranam*, *Daniel Marshal* for *Virginia*, *Joshua Pickman* for *Portugal:* Cleared outwards Coasters, *Snell* and *Kingsbury* for *Piscataqua*. *Tiller*, for *New-York*, *Mansfield*, and *Parker* for *Connecticut*.

The Annual Artillery Election Sermon at *Boston*, upon *Monday* the 5th Instant, was Preached by the Reverend Mr. *Henry Gibbs*, on this Text, *Psal.* 44. 6. *For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my Sword save me.*

And Mr. *Thomas Hutchinson* was Chosen Captain, and Capt. *Adam Winthrop* Lieutenant of the Artillery.

Piscataqua, *June* 9. On Fryday last about 7 Indians made a descent on *Oyster-River*, kill'd one man and sundry Cattle: A Scout of our Indians went out from *Salmon Falls*, came up with about 7 Indians, supposed to be those did the mischief, but a River or Pond between them could not engage.

Milford May 30. Sabbath day last, about Noon, after Forenoons Exercise, Mrs *Jane Treat*, Grand Daughter to Deputy Governour *Treat* of *Connecticut*, Sitting in her Chair in the Corner or near the Corner, with the Bible in her hand, as she was Reading, which was her delight, was struck Dead by a terrible flash of Lightning, pre-

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16 See foot-note, News-Letter, No. 14 *post*.

17 See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

18 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 482. See News-Letter No. 5 *ante*.

ceeding a Great Clap of Thunder, it kill'd her in a Moment, without knowing anything of the Pangs of Death; her Body was much wounded, not torn but burnt, and spotted one side of her from the Crown to the Sole of her foot. She was a Person of real Piety, and a pattern of Patience, Modesty and Sobriety. This so awful a stroke on so righteous a Person and Family, is a most amazing and mysterious Providence, deeply afflictive to her Grandfather, Relations and others.

Rhode-Island June 9. The Honourable *Samuel Cranston* Esq. Governour of Her Majesties Colony of *Rhode-Island &c.* (*Having received a Proclamation Emitted by His Excellency* Joseph Dudley *Esq. Capt. General & Gov. in Chief in an over Her Majesties Province of the Mass. Bay* &c. *for Seizing & Apprehending the late Company of Pirates belonging to the Briganteen* Charles, *of whom* John Quelch *was Commander*) By and with the advice of the Deputy Governour and Council present, issued forth his further Proclamation to Seize and Apprehend said Pirates, or any of their Treasure, and to bring them before one of the Council or next Justice of the Peace, in order to be conveyed to the town of *New-port*, to be examined and proceeded with according to Law. Commanding the Sheriff to Publish this and His Excellencies Proclamation in the Town of *New-Port*, and in other Towns of the Colony. Strictly forbiding all Her Majesties Subjects and others to conceal any of them or their Treasure, or convey and further their escape, on pain of being proceeded against with utmost severity of Law.[19]

The Prize Sloop that Cap. *Tonguerlow* sent in, is unloaded, and had on board about 10 Tons of *Coccoa*, 5 or 6000 weight of right good *Verino* Tobacco, 8 Tearses of dry Goods, & 30 Cases of Liquors; but when 'twill be Condemned, knows not.

Philadelphia May 26. This day Arrived Capt. *Vaughan* in a Sloop from *Exuma*, on board of which is one *Mr. Houlden*, who is a part Owner and Commander of the Ship, *Portsmouth* Gally of *London*, 18 Guns, about 60 men, and small Arms for 120 men, sailed from *Boston* in *December* last, where they took in about 10 Indian Divers, being designed in search for a Plate Wreck about the *Bohemia* Islands, which not finding, put into the aforesaid Port to load Salt for *Boston*, where on the 29th of *April* last (their Deck being pester'd with Lumber, *&c.* in order to clear their hole to take in Salt) a French small Privateer Sloop full of men clapt her on board at Anchor, & after a short dispute took her. The Master Capt. *Ricey* fought very stoutly till he lost his life, but his men did not stand by him, other-

19 See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7 *ante*, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

wise might have saved the Ship, he encouraged them when received several wounds, but to little purpose; the Indians fought bravely as two of them tell us both very much wounded, who jumpt overboard & swam ashore as soon as they see Cap. *Ricey* killed; many were killed on both sides, they carried also off 2 Sloops, one of 4 Guns & 8 men, a tender to sad Ship. Cap. *Vaughan* rode by said Ship, but cut & run, next day put in & took in the above Indians, & took up his Anchor; Cap. *Houlden* being on shore, when the Privateer took the Ship.

New-York, June 5. His Excellency designs for *Albany* this week or the next.

Advertisements.

ON *Fryday* the 16th currant, at 11 a Clock in the forenoon, will be exposed to Sale by Inch of Candle,[20] the Sloop *Tryal*, burthen about 30 Tons, at Mr. *Henry Franklings* the Swan Tavern at the *North-End* of the Town, the Sloop lyes at Mr. *Thomas Clark's* Wharf near said *Tavern*, an Inventory of her Stores may be seen at the Coffee-house, & at the Tavern aforesaid.

[Reprinted: the News-Letter advertisement, as in June 5; negroes to be sold, as in June 5.]

N. E. Numb. 9.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday June 12. to Monday June 19. 1704.

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[FOREIGN matter occupies nearly all of the first page, the chief item being a proclamation (December 12, 1703) by Queen Anne for a general fast in view of the "late most Terrible and Dreadful

20 Selling by "light of candle" was a practice common throughout Europe. At the beginning of the sale a candle was lighted, and while the candle was burning the bidding went on. When the candle had burned out, the person who had at that moment offered the highest price was declared the purchaser. This method of selling was introduced into the American colonies and was common during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. In New Amsterdam it was the regular legal usage of the Dutch in selling the property of debtors levied upon by the sheriff. "Inch of candle. In some parts of the country land is still disposed of at auction by inch of candle. This was the ancient form of auctioneering. Candles of inch length were provided, and when the candle went out the bidding was closed."—Phrases and Names, Their Origins and Meanings. By French H. Johnson.

"Down were tumbled miracle and martyr
Put up in lots and sold by inch of candle."

[Peter Pindar: Lyric Odes, xiii.

Storms of Wind, with which it Pleased Almighty God to Afflict the greatest Part of this our Kingdom on Friday and Saturday the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh days of November last." The domestic news relates largely to the seizure of Quelch's band of pirates. There are also reports of hostile movements of the French and Indians.]

Marblehead, June 9. The Honourable *Samuel Sewall, Nathanael Byfield*, and *Paul Dudley* Esqrs. came to this place yesterday, in obedience to His Excellency the Governour, his Order for the more effectual discovering and Seizing the Pirates lately belonging to the Briganteen *Charles, John Quelch* Commander, with their Treasure. They made *Salem* in their way, where *Samuel Wakefield* the Water Baily informed them of a Rumor that two of *Quelches's* Company were lurking at Cape *Anne*, waiting for a Passage off the Coast: The Commissioners made out a Warrant to *Wakefield* to Search for them, and dispatched him away on *Wednesday* night. And having gain'd intelligence this Morning that a certain number of them well Armed, were at Cape *Anne* designing to go off in the *Larrimore* Galley, then at Anchor in that Harbour. They immediately sent Men from the several adjacent Towns by Land & Water to prevent their escape, and went thither themselves, to give necessary orders upon the place. [21]

Glocester, upon Cape *Anne, June* 9. The Commissioners for Seizing the Pirates and their Treasure, arrived here this day, were advised that the *Larrimore* Galley Sail'd in the Morning Eastward: and that a Boat was seen to go off from the head of the Cape, near Snake Island, full of men, supposed to be the Pirates. The Commissioners seeing the Government mock'd by Capt. *Larrimore* and his Officers, resolved to send after them. Major *Stephen Sewall* who attended with a Fishing Shallop, and the Fort Pinnace, offered to go in pursuit of them, and Capt. *John Turner*, Mr. *Robert Brisco*, Capt. *Knight*, and several other good men Voluntarily accompanied him, to the Number of 42 men, who Rowed out of the Harbour after Sun-sett, being little Wind. [22]

Salem, June 11. This Afternoon, Major *Sewall* brought in to this Port, the *Larrimore* Galley, and Seven Pirates, viz. *Erasmus Peterson, Charles James, John Carter, John Pitman, Francis King, Charles King, John King*, whom he with his Company Surprized and Seized at the Isles of *Sholes* the 10*th*. Instant, *viz*. four of them on Board

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the *Larrimore* Galley, and three on Shoar on *Starr* Island, being assisted by *John Hinckes* and *Thomas Phipps* Esqrs. Two of Her Majesties Justices of *New-Hampshire*, who were happily there, together with the Justices, and the Captain of the place. He also Seized 45 Ounces and Seven Penny weight of Gold of the said Pirates.

Capt. *Thomas Larrimore*, *Joseph Wells* Lieutenant, and *Daniel Wormall* Master, and the said Pirates are Secured in our Goal.[23]

Glocester, *June* 12. Yesterday Major *Sewall* passed by this place with the *Larrimore* Galley, and Shallop *Trial*, standing for *Salem*, and having little wind, set our men ashore on the Eastern Point, giving of them notice that *William Jones*, and *Peter Roach*, two of the Pirates had mistook their way, and were still left upon the Cape, with strict charge to search for them, which our Towns People performed very industriously. Being strangers and destitute of all Succours they surrendered themselves this Afternoon, and were sent to *Salem* Prison.[24]

Boston, *June* 17. On the 13 Instant, Major *Sewall* attended with a strong guard brought to Town the above mentioned Pirates, and Gold he had Seized, and gave His Excellency a full Account of his Procedure in Seizing them. The Prisoners were committed to Goal in order to a Tryal, and the Gold delivered to the Treasurer and Committee appointed to receive the same. The Service of Major *Sewall* and Company was very well Accepted and Rewarded by the Governour.[25]

His Excellency was pleased on the 13 Currant to open the High Court of Admiralty for Trying Capt. *John Quelch* late Commander of the Briganteen Charles and Company for Piracy, who were brought to the Barr, and the Articles exhibited against them read, They all pleaded *Not Guilty*, excepting three *Viz. Matthew Primer*, *John Clifford* and *James Parrot*, who were reserved for Evidences, and are in Her Majesties Mercy. The Prisoners moved for Council, and His Excellency assigned them Mr. *James Meinzes*. The Court was adjourned to the 16*th*. When met again Capt. *Quelch* preferr'd a Petition to His Excellency and Honourable Court, craving longer Time, which was granted till Monday Morning at Nine of the Clock, when said Court is to Sit again in order to their Tryal.[26]

On the 14. The Assembly Elected two of Her Majesties Council for this Province, to make up the Number of 28. *Samuel Hayman*, and *Simeon Stoddard* Esqrs. His Excellency approv'd of the choice.

Capt. *Thomas Hutchinson*, Capt. *Adam Winthrop* Lieu. and Mr *John Noyes* Ensign, Officers of the Honourable Artillery Company, have caused the Printing of the Election Sermon, which is now in the Press.

Entered outward bound *John Stevens* for *Antigua*, *Thomas Lasenbe* for *Barbados*, and *Peter Coffin* for *Madera*. Coasters cleared *Richard Hall*, and *Jonathan Sayer*, for *Connecticut*, *Anthony Bracket* for *Piscataqua*. Permitted to clear *Henry Sherburn*, *William Goddard*, *Ephraim Breed*, *Andrew Wilson*, and *Thomas Barnes* for *Barbadoes*, *Samuel Payen* for *Antigua*, *Daniel Marshal* for *Virginia*. Coasters Inward *Samuel Sand* and *William Newenhuysen*, from *New-York*.

Capt. *Ebenezer Coffin*, in our Convoy Sloop of War, is arrived here this day.

Rhode-Island, June 16. On Wednesday arrived *John Brown* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes*, 19 days Passage, came out in Company with 33 Sail, whereof Capt. *Gillam* was Convoy, bound for *England*. There was one Briganteen bound for *Boston*, and one Sloop more belonging here. On Tuesday last arrived here from *Exuma* a *Barmudian* loaden with Salt, confirms the Death and taking of Capt. *Ricy*. One *Wilson* in a Ketch entered for *Boston*, *Whiteborn* for *Virginia* and *London*, *Roach & Breed* for *Antigua*, *Collins & Moore* for *Barbadoes*, are all near ready to Sail.

New-London June 15. Arrived here on Thursday last *William Rollson* in the Sloop *N London*, 19. days Passage from St. *Christophers*, and on Monday Sailed Capt. *Chester* for *London*, and *Browne* of *New-Haven* for *Madera's*. On Tuesday Marched Capt. *Samuel Eells* of *Millford* with 100. men to Reinforce, Major *Whiting* at *N. Hampton*. This is the 21*st* day of the Enemies French and Indians March from *Canada*, as we are informed.[27]

New-York June 12. Last Week arrived Capt. *Feaver* and *Moyon* from *Hundoras* in 2 Sloops. We hear 500 French and Indians are Marched from *Canada*, to attaque some parts of *New-England*.[27] The *Philadelphia* Post not come in.

Advertisements

RAn-away from Capt. *John Aldin* of *Boston*, on Monday the 12th Currant, a tall lusty Indian Man call'd *Harry*, about 19 Years of Age, with a black Hat, brown Ozenbridge Breeches and Jacket: Whoever will take up said Indian, and bring or convey him safe either to *John Campbell* Post master of *Boston*, or to Mr. *Nathaniel Niles* of *Kingstown* in *Naraganset*, Master to said Indian, shall have a sufficient Reward.

ANegro Woman about 16 Years Old, to be Sold by *John Campbell* Post-master, to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor Tavern.

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27 These items bearing on the French and Indian hostilities reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 420.

[Reprinted: the News-Letter advertisement, as in May 22; negroes to be sold, as in June 5.]

N. E. Numb. 10.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday June 19. to Monday June 26. 1704.

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[FOREIGN matter occupies a part of the first page: comprising general European advices of dates between October 30 (Constantinople) and December 25, 1703 (Warsaw, Paris, Hague, London, Copenhagen); the London item reporting the action of the queen and privy council in the case of the widows and orphans of the officers and seamen who perished in the storm of November, 1703 in her majesty's service at sea. The domestic news includes report of the trial of Quelch and company. Also, accounts of Indian operations in the Connecticut Valley, and "to the Eastward," the latter in letters from Col. Church commanding the colonial forces.]

Boston, June 24. On Monday last, The 19. Currant, The High Court of Admiralty Sat again, when the Tryal of *John Quelch* late Commander of the Briganteen *Charles*, and Company for Piracy and Murder, Committed by them upon Her Majesties *Allies* the Subjects of the King of *Portugal*, was brought forward, and the said *Quelch* was brought to the Bar, being charged with Nine several Articles of Piracy and Murder whereupon he had been Arraigned and Pleaded, *Not Guilty:* The Queen's Attorney opened the case, and the Court proceeded to the Examination of the Evidences for Her Majesty. And the Council for the Prisoner, and the Prisoner himself being fairly heard, The Court was cleared, and after Advisement, the Prisoner was again brought to the Bar; & the the Judgment of the Court declared, That he was guilty of the Felony, Piracy and Murder, laid in the said Articles: Accordingly Sentence of Death was pronounced against him.

The next day being Tuesday, *John Lambert*, *Charles James*, *John Miller* and *Christopher Scudamore*, were brought to the Bar, who pleaded *Not Guilty:* And was severally tryed as *Quelch* was, and found guilty and Sentenced to Dy in like manner.

Then was brought to the Bar, *William Whiting* and *John Templeton* being Arraigned, They pleaded *Not Guilty*, and the Witnesses proving no matter of Fact upon them, said *Whiting* being Sick all the Voyage, & not active, and *Templeton* a Servant about 14 years of Age, and not charged with any action, were acquitted by the

Court, paying Prison Fees. Next 15. more being brought to the Bar and Arraign'd *Viz. Will. Wilde, Benj. Perkins, James Austin, Nich. Richardson, Rich. Lawrance, John Pitman, Will. Jones, Erasmus Peterson, John King, Francis King, Charles King, Peter Roach, John Dorothy, Denis Carter* and *John Carter*, who severally pleaded *Guilty*, and threw themselves on the *Queen's* Mercy. And Sentence of Death was past upon them, in like manner as those abovenamed. 'Tis said some of them will be Executed the next Fryday, and the whole proceeding be put out in Print.[28]

On Wednesday 21. Came an Express to His Excellency from *Hatfield* with the Intelligence, That one Englishman and four Indians, being sent out upon discovery of the Enemy, Travelled 7 days up the River of *Connecticut*, and discovered some Indians a Fishing, so lay still till Night, and watched where they went to their Wigwam, and Surprized them in the Wigwam kill'd five of the said Indians being men, took a Squaw alive, who informed them, that the Indians were building a Fort at a place about 50 Miles further up, and after further Examination of the said Squaw they kill'd her also, and brought the Six Scalp's with them to *Northampton:* There were two Indians more of the said Company, but they made their escape.

Our People on the Frontiers are in a very good posture to receive the Enemy, if they should come.[29]

On Wednesday the 21. Arrived Mr. *Hart* in a Sloop from our Forces to the Eastward, with Letters from Col. *Church*, Chief Commander of the same, Dated at *Passamisquady*, the 13. Currant, acquainting His Excellency of their having laid wast & burnt all the French Settlements in those parts, Kill'd and Captivated of French and Indians, to the number of Thirty-five Persons, since our last account. While our People were Tearing up the Indian Corn, they fired on them from the other side of the River, and a fight at a distance continued about 3 hours, wherein we had one man Wounded, but a great noise was heard among the Indians, and 'tis supposed several of them were kill'd and wounded; the number of Indians are said to be between 30 & 40. Our Boats brought from the several Houses and Settlements a considerable parcel of Plunder of Furrs, Houshold Stuff, *&c.* The best we have got yet: We have also taken Monsieur *Chartier's* Shallop, formerly Mr. *Trevis's* of *Marblehead*, and several fine Cannoo's. Our Souldiers and Mariners on board Her Majesties Ships the *Gosport* and *Jearsy*, the Province Galley, and other

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28 See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 *ante*, 11, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

29 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 402-403.

several Vessels, were all in Health. The Prisoners are brought to *Boston.*[30]

Cap. *Ellery* from *England* had about Eight Weeks passage, Says, as he came away, that there was a strong Embargoe laid on, and a Squadron of about 50. men of War a fitting out. Capt. *Stone*, that Sail'd hence with the Fleet was Arrived, and Capt. *Wadsworth* and *Morton* that Sail'd a little before them.

Capt. *Parker* is Arrived from *Barbadoes.*

Boston, Permitted to clear Outwards, *Ezekiel Cravate*, *John Foster*, *John Phillips*, *John Scot*, and *Isaac Perkins* for *Barbadoes. Thomas Sill*, *Zachariah Alden*, *Joseph Vial*, and *Joshua Pikman* for *Antigua: Stephen Water* for *Madera: Fortune Reddock* for St. *Christophers: Philip Lewis* for *Surranam; Richard Smith* and *William Cooke* for *Montserrat: Edward Holloway* for *Jamaica*, and *James Robe* for *Virginia.* Entered Inwards, *John Ellery* from *London; Samuel Clark* and *Wilson* from *Connecticut: Kinghsbury* from *Piscataqua.* Coasters cleared Outwards, *Blin*, *Henderson* and *Vail* for *Connecticut.* Outward Bound, *Newcomb Blague*, for *Madera's*, *Isaac Robinson*, for *Jamaica*, and *Newenhusen* for *New-York.*

Rhode-Island, *June* 23. On the 19. Instant arrived *Moses Butterworth* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes*, 22. days passage, came out in Company with the *Blackwall* man of War, going in pursuit of the Country Briganteen, sent out from *Barbadoes*, some time before on a Cruise, having 50. of the man of War's men on board her, who instead of Returning, turn'd Pirate, and took an English Ship bound from *London* to *Antigua*, robb'd her and let her go: The news being brought from *Antigua* to Barbadoes, they immediately sent the *Blackwall* after her.

When Mr. *Butterworth* was in the *Lat.* of 36. & 40. They saw a Fleet consisting of about 150. Sail & took them to be *Spaniards*, but on the relating of it here, we suppose them to be the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet for *England.*

New-York June 19. On the 16 Arrived *Daniel Dunskum* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes* 22 days Passage, came out in Company with 35 Sail, some for *Boston*, *Rhode-Island* and *Philadelphia.* On the 12th Currant he met with the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet consisting of 143 Sail about 30 leagues to the Eastward of *Sandy-hook:* They Sail'd from *Virginia* the seventh Instant, and nine leagues without the Cape they met with the two men of War, *viz.* The *Faulkland* and the *Oxford* who were expected as an additional

30 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 361.

of our Gracious Soveraign the Queen, and her just Right and Title to the Crown, against the Bloody Designs of Papists and Jacobites.

Dublin Nov. 27. A Speech was made by a Member of Parliament, setting forth the great Danger the Protestants were in, in some parts of *Ireland*, particularly the County of *Limrick*, where the *Irish* were beginning to form themselves into Bodies, and to plunder the Protestants of their Arms and Money. And that the disaffected here held a Correspondence with those in *England*, and were not out of hopes of restoring the pretended Prince of *Wales*.

There's no doubt but there is a Design among the Papists to do mischief, and it may be justly said they have begun already; for Letters yesterday say that a Body of Papists had got together in the County of *Limerick*, had marched in a hostile manner through the several Towns, particularly *Askeiting*; and had Plunder'd and disarm'd several Protestants, and killed one *Green*, a Protestant, for appearing as a Witness in the first Court of Claims against one *Tady O Quin*, an *Irish* Papist. It's said there are several more little Parties of *Irish* up in that Country, which put the Protestants in a mighty Consternation.

London Gazette Decemb. 16, to 20*th*. 1703.

Westminster, December. 17.

HEr Majesty came this day to the House of Peers, attended with a usual Solemnity; and being Seated on the Throne in Her Royal Robes, Sir *David Mitchel* Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, was sent with a Message to the House of Commons, requiring their Attendance in the House of Peers, whither they came accordingly; And Her Majesty was pleased to give the Royal Assent to *An Act for Granting an Aid to Her Majesty by a Land Tax, to be raised in the Year, One thousand seven hundred and four.*

After which Her Majesty made the following most Gracious Speech to both Houses.

The Honourable Col. *Nathaniel Byfield* Esq. is Commissioned Judge of the Admiralty for the Provinces of *Massachusetts-Bay*, *New-Hampshire* and *Rhod-Island*. And *Thomas Newton* Esq. Judge-Deputy for the Colony of *Massachusetts-Bay*.

The 20. the Rd. Mr. *Pemberton* Preach'd an Excellent Sermon on 1 *Thes* 4 11. *And do your own business*: Exhorting all Ranks & Degrees of Persons to do their own work, in order to a REFORMATION: which His Excellency has ordered to be Printed.

The 21. His Excellency Dissolved the Gen. Assembly *Rhode-Island* 22. The Rd Mr. *Lockyer* dyed on Thursday last.

Capt. *Youngrello* has taken Five Prizes off of *Currasso*, one of which is come in to *Rhode-Island* mostly Loaden with *Cocco*, *Tobacco*, *Liquors* &c. She is a *Currasso* Trader, as all the rest were. One of the Five was one *Larew* a *French-man*; a Sloop of 8 Guns & 8 Patteraro's 76 Men, Fought him Board and Board three Glasses; Captain *Larew* was kill'd, and 20 of his Men kill'd & wounded: Capt. *Youngrello* wounded thro' the Body, and five of his men, but none kill'd, he had but 40 Fighting Men, when he took *Larew*.

The 18 Currant, came in a Sloop to this Port from *Virginia*, the Master informed Governour *Cranston* Esq. he was Chased by a Topsail Shallop off of *Block-Island*, which he judged to be a *French* Privateer, and that there was two other Vessels in her Company, which he judged to be her Prizes. Whereupon his Honour being concerning for the Publick Weal and Safety of Her Majesties good Subjects, immediately caused the Drum to beat for Voluntiers, under the Command of Capt. *Wanton*, and in 3 or four hours time, Fitted and Man'd a Brigantine, with 70 brisk young men well Arm'd, who Sail'd the following Night, returned last Evening, and gave his Honour an Ac-

I come it proper upon this Occasion to acquaint you, *That I have had Unquestionable Informations of very ill Practices and Designs carried on in* Scotland *by Emissaries from* France, *which might have proved extreamly Dangerous to the Peace of these Kingdoms, as you will see by the Particulars, which shall be laid before you as soon as the several Examinations relating to this Matter can be fully perfected, and made publick without Prejudice: In the mean time, I make no Doubt, but by this Seasonable Discovery, I shall be able to give such Directions for Our Security, as will Effectually Prevent any ill Consequence from these Pernicious Designs.*

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I am very Sensible of your great Readiness and Affection for the Publick Service, by Presenting Me so early in the Session with a considerable Part of your Supplies; I depend entirely upon your Continuing with the same Zeal to dispatch the Remainder of them; that so we may be Prepared to give the speediest Assistance to Our Allies, and to defeat the malicious Designs of Our Enemies; who cannot be more Industrious to Contrive the Ruine of this Kingdom, and of the Protestant Religion, than I shall always be Vigilant and Careful, both for their present Preservation, and for their future Security.

Boston, April 18. Arrived Capt. *Sill* from *Jamaica* about 7 Weeks Passage, but they continue there very Sickly. Mr. *Nathaniel Gloves* a Principal Merchant of this place died *April* 7. & was decently inter'd *April* 18. *Ætatis* 53.

one other, and a Ketch at *Tarpolian* Cove, who were all Fishing Vessels belonging to *Marblehead* or *Salem*, who were Fishing off of *Block-Island*, one of them was a *French* built Shallop with a Topsail, which gave the great suspician that they were Enemies.

New-York, April, 17. By a Barque from *Jamaica*, (last from *Bermuda*, 7 Weeks Passage,) says, there was an Embargo in that Island several Months, occasioned by News they had of a design the *French* & *Spaniards* had, to make a descent upon them: She came out with the Homeward Bound *London* Fleet, who are gone home without Convoy.

Capt. *Davison* in the Eagle Gally, Sailes for *London*, in a Month, if the *Virginia* Fleet stays so long; he intends to keep them Company Home, if not, to run for it, being Built for that Service.

Philadelphia, April, 14. An Account that the *Dreadnaught* Man of War was Arrived in *Maryland*.

N. London, April, 20. The Adventure, A Vessel 60 Tuns, will Sail from thence to London, in three Weeks or 3 Months time.

Advertisement.

THis News-Letter is to be continued Weekly; and all Persons who have any Houses, Lands, Tenements, Farms, Ships, Vessels, Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, &c. to be Sold, or Let; or Servants Run-away, or Goods Stole or Lost; may have the same inserted at a Reasonable Rate, from *Twelve Pence* to *Five Shillings*, and not to exceed: Who may agree with *John Campbel* Post-master of *Boston*.

All Persons in Town and Country, may have said News-Letter every Week, Yearly, upon reasonable terms, agreeing with *John Campbel*, Post-master for the same.

Boston: Printed by *B. Green*. Sold by *Nicholas Boone*, at his Shop near the Old Meeting-House.

Convoy. The Commadore (Cap. *Evans*) ordered them to return with the Fleet without proceeding any further which they did: The Merchant men promising to supply them with Water, *&c.* On Board the *Faulkland* was one Mr. *Vrqhuart*, a Minister Bound for this place, who had the good Fortune to get a Passage hither in Mr. *Dunskun*, but sundry other Passengers on board those two Men of War for *Virginia*, *Maryland* and *Pensilvania* are all carried back for *England:* They left *Portsmouth* the beginning of *April* last, and in their passage the *Faulkland* took two *French* Ships, one of 24 Guns, and 65 men, the other of Twelve Guns and Twenty-five men, both Bound for *Martinico*, to St. *Malo* loaden with Sugar, Cocoa, Indico, *&c.* The *Oxford* gave Chase to a Third in Company with these two, but could not come up with her.

Mr. *Vrqhuart* is appointed Minister of *Jamaica*, one Mr. *Crawford* a Minister for *Pensilvania*, was on board the *Oxford* but carried home again.

Philadelphia, *June* 17. On the 12. dyed the Honourable Colonel *William Markham.* On the 13. a Sloop arrived from *Virginia*, left Point Comfort the 9 Instant, Says, That the *Virginia* Fleet consisting of about 140 Sail under Convoy, (only) of the *Dreadnought* and *Foy*, Sailed from *Linhavenbay* on the *8th.* Instant for *England.*

Advertisements

RAn-away from Capt. *Nathanael Cary*, of *Charlstown*, on *Saturday* the 17th Currant, a well set middle sized *Maddagascar* Negro Woman, called *Penelope*, about 35 years of Age: With several sorts of Apparel; one whereof is a flowered damask Gown: She speaks English well. Whosoever shall take up said Negro Servant, and her Convey to her above-said Master, shall have sufficient Reward.

[Reprinted: the News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 5.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday June 26. to Monday July 3. 1704.

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[FOREIGN matter, chiefly, under date 20th December 1703, an address of the English commons to the queen, occupies most of the first page. A "Coppy of a Letter from a Gentleman in Cannada to a Gentleman in Port-royal," dated "Quebeck," follows. The domestic news includes the "bill of mortality" for Boston for three years; a paragraph account of the execution of Quelch and five of his com-

panions; and the announcement of the receipt by the governor of a packet from the queen "to permit a trade with New Spain" (Mexico).]

The Coppy of a Letter from a Gentleman in Cannada, *to a Gentleman in* Port-royal: *Quebeck, April,* 28. 1704.

SIR I believe you have heard of several parties of *French* and *Indians*, gone out since the last fall against the *English*, Mr. *Gordeau* the bearer hereof is a living witness, who will inform you of the whole, If the affairs of this Countrey do not change in a little time, others will go away. *Canada* was never in the Like misery, we must absolutely abandon it before two Years, or God must work Miracles, to preserve it, since Peace is made with the *Maqua's* in the Pardon which the King has a second time given the Hunters. He permits them to go to the new Colony of *Messasipy*, or to return to their own Countrey absolutely pardoning all their disobedience. I believe the liberty given them of choice, will not only hinder them from returning to their own Country, but will make those that are there resolved to go away, thinking they can't be taken else-where. Wine is so rare here, that we are obliged to drink nothing but water, and other Goods proportionably; we impatiently expect News from *France*, to advise us who must be our Governour.

Boston, July 3. On *Tuesday* morning Dyed Madam *Anne Richards:*[31] was Buryed on *Thursday* last. On *Fryday* died Madam *Anne Paige:*[32] was Buried Yesterday.

Boston. Because it may carry some useful Information in it, we have thought it not amiss, to give the Publick, the **Bill of Mortality** for the Three Years last past.

The Number of Persons, besides Negro's and Indians, which were buryed in the Town of Boston.

Anno.	1701.	1702.	1703.
March	11	9	21
April	6	13	14
May	11	8	16
June	13	07	12
July	15	20	10
August	15	32	13
September	17	47	19
October	12	55	15
November	15	74	8

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31 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 107, under date June 27 [1704]: also, p. 108, under date June 29, and note on same page.

32 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 109, under date Junij. 30, 1704, and note on same page; also, p. 111, under date July 2.

Anno.	1701.	1702.	1703.
December	7	87	18
January	17	69	6
February	7	20	7
	146	441	159

Note, 1. In that Mortal year, 1702. the Number of *Negroes* and *Indians*, which had a Singular Share in the Mortality, made the Number of the Buried, arise to about, 500.

Note, 2. Many Inhabitants of *Boston*, have their Employments at Sea; and many of these Dying abroad (in proportion, much more than at home) they are not reckoned in our Catalogue.

Note, 3. It has been observed by some, that in Times of Health, (such as we now Enjoy,) Mortality ordinarily carries off, somewhat about a *Fiftieth Part* of the People Every year. *Quære*, How far will that Observation hold for this Town?

Note, 4. It might be of use, if some other of the principal Towns in the Country, would preserve their **Bill of Mortality**, and Communicate it.

On *Fryday* was carried to the Place of Execution seven Pirates to be Executed, *viz.* Capt. *John Quelch*, *John Lambert*, *Christopher Scudamore*, *John Miller*, *Erasmus Peterson*, *Peter Roach* & *Francis King;* all of which were Executed, excepting the last named, who had a Reprieve from His Excellency, And notwithstanding all the great labour and pains taken by the Reverend Ministers of the Town of *Boston*, ever since they were first Seized and brought to Town, both before and since their Tryal and Condemnation, to instruct, admonish, preach and pray for them; yet as they led a wicked and vitious life, so to appearance they dyed very obdurately and impenitently, hardened in their Sin.[33]

His Excellency intends to send an Express to *England* with an Account of the whole matter to Her Majesty.[34]

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33 See New-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 *ante*, 14 (1704), 63, 66 *post*. See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

A broadside entitled

An Account of the Behaviour and last Dying
Speeches
Of the Six Pirates, that were Executed on Charles River, Boston side,
On Fryday June 30th. 1704. Viz.
Capt. John Quelch, John Lambert, Christopher Scudamore,
John Miller, Erasmus Petersen and Peter Roach,

with the imprint "Printed for and Sold by Nicholas Boone, at his Shop near the Old Meeting-House in Boston, 1704," is bound in the file of the Massachusetts Historical Society immediately before this issue; also in the file of the New York Historical Society immediately after the issue of July 10.

The scene of this execution is depicted by Sewall in his Diary, Vol. II, p. 109.

34 See foot-note, News-Letter No. 14 *post*.

On Fryday His Excellency Prorogu'd the General Assembly to the 16th. day of August.

On Saturday His Excellency received a Packet from *England* by way of *N. York*, with directions from Her Majesty to permit a Trade with *New-Spain*, (stores of War, and goods prohibited by act of Parliament only excepted,) and this Morning His Excellency in Council has ordered a Proclamation to be published signifying Her Majesties pleasure therein. [35]

Entred Outward bound *William Everton*, for *Newfoundland; James Gibsen* for *Leward Islands*, *Nicholas Parker* and *Walter Oglesby* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Inwards, *Holt*, *Baker* and *Tapper* from *Connecticut*. Forreign Vessels Inward, *Charles Bridgar* from *Campeche:* Permitted to Clear outwards *Benjamin Pereman* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Outwards, *Kingsbury*, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*, *Eliot* & *Smith* for *Connecticut*.

Madera, *May* 8. By Letters from *Lisbons* of the 20. last *Via Salem*, acquainted [various items of European war news].

Two men of War and several Merchant Ships from *England*, touched here, bound to the *West-Indies*.

Piscataqua June 29. On Monday Arriv'd *Joseph Esman* from *Topsam*, about 8 weeks passage, he intends for *Boston*.

Rhode-Island June 30. There's Arriv'd here another Prize sent in by Cap. *Tongrelow* a Brigantine of about 90 Tons, belonging to *Curaso*, Taken a Trading with the Spaniards, her loading consists of about 30 or 40 boxes of Steel, 102 double bars of Iron, a quantity of Dutch Knives, 72 Barrels of Flower, 32 Beaves Hides, some Turtoshell. On *Tuesday* Arriv'd the Sloop *Charles* from the Bay of *Compeche* belonging to *Boston*, brings News, that Cap. *Stevens*, who was Captain of that Sloop that *Tongrelow* has now, who went on shore with about 100 & odd men at the River of *Chechopege*, & was suppos'd they were all cut off, are all alive and well at *Laverdecrouse;* They took the Town they went to take, but staid too long in it, and so the Country rose & took them all Prisoners, the Masters name I know not, but the Sloop is gone for *Boston*. Here is one *Pitts* from *South Carolina*, but brings no news.

New-York, *June* 26. Last Week arriv'd one *Watkins*, about 6 Weeks passage from the Bay of *Hundoras*, not any *Boston* Vessels in the Bay when he came away.

Philadelphia, *June* 22. On the 18. arrived Capt. *Harriot* from *Barbadoes*, who spoke with 6 Ships that came out of the Capes of

35 See News-Letter No. 12 *post*.

Virginia, 4 days after the Fleet Sail'd thence, on board of which was Mr. *Paxton*, whom they spoke with.

Here is a Passenger come to Town, came from *Bristol* the latter end of *March* to *Virginia*, gives an Account of——[36] *Bristol* Ships, all[37] outward bound to the *West Indies* &c. were all taken coming out of the Chanel (without Convoy) by 6 Privateers, who set on Shore most of the *Prisoners* in *England*.

Advertisements

AT Col. *Francis Foxcroft*, Merchant, his Ware-house upon the Dock in *Boston*, there's a parcel of *Spanish* and *Swedes* Iron to be Sold.

RAn-away from his Master, *Seth Sweetzer* of *Charlstown*, in *New-England*, *August* 15. 1703. A Young man, named *John Logen*, about 19 years of Age, of a middle stature, black hair, by occupation a Taylor: He's said to be gone to *Long-Island*, thence to *Pensilvania:* Whoever shall take him up, and convey him safe to his above-said Master, shall have Four Pounds reward.

THere is now in the Press, and will speedily be Published: The Arraignment: Tryal and Condemnation of Capt. *John Quelch*, and others of his Company *&c.* For sundry Piracies, Robberies and Murder, committed upon the Subjects of the King of *Portugal*, Her Majesties Allie, on the Coast of *Brazil*, *&c.* Who upon full Evidence were found Guilty, at the Court-House in *Boston*, on the 13*th.* of *June* 1704. With the Arguments of the Queen's Council, and Council for the Prisoners, upon the Act for the more effectual Suppression of Piracy. With an account of the Ages of the several Prisoners, and the Places where they were Born. Sold by *Nich. Boone*, near the Old-Church.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** July 3. to **Monday** July 10. 1704.

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[INCIDENTS of the visit of the Duke Charles of Austria, aspirant to the throne of Spain, to Holland and England in December,

36 Figures blotted out with a pen in the copy in the file of the Massachusetts Historical Society.
37 This word, all, also blotted out.

1703 and January, 1703-1704, are fully recorded in the two columns of the first page of this issue under date of Hague, January 4, 1704 and London, December 30, 1703. From Milan, Vienna and other places on the continent is December news of the war in Poland and the recognition of the Duke Charles for king of Spain. Governor Dudley's proclamation for permitting a trade to the Spanish West-Indies, is given with the domestic news.]

Piscataqua, July, 6. On Tuesday last eight Indians were seen at *York*, who had almost Surpriz'd one *Shaw*, that was at some distance from the Garrison: The Indians were within Pistol Shot, and might have kill'd him, but striving still to surround & take him alive, (as supposed for Intelligence) he by that means, being a nimble active man, made his escape. Capt. *Heath* & Lieutenant *March* immediately went in pursuit of them 6. or 7 Mils, but no discovery.

By His *Excellency*, Joseph Dudley *Esq*. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same. A PROCLAMATION, For Permiting a Trade to the Spanish *West-Indies*.

HAving Received Her Majesties Commands of the Twenty third of *February* past, by the Right Honourable, the Earl of *Nottingham* Principal *Secretary* of *State*, To permit and Suffer Her Majesties Subjects freely and openly to carry to any Place or Territory, under the Dominion of *Spain* in *America*, all such Merchandizes and Commodities, as might have been carryed thither before the War; Provided there be not among them any Stores or Ammunition of War: And likewise to Permit Her Majesties Subjects to bring from the *Spanish* Dominions in *America*, any Merchandizes or Goods of those Parts.

I Do hereby Publish and make known the same; To the intent, That any of Her Majesties good Subjects desirous to use the said Trade, Upon Application to Me made, may receive the necessary Certificates and Instructions for their better safety and regulation therein, Conform to Her Majesties said Commands.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the third Day of *July*, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland* QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, *&c*.

J. DUDLEY.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

On Wednesday, *Samuel Walker*, a Souldier belonging to the

Castle, being at *Cambridge*, and the day being very hot, went to Swim in the River, was drowned.

Entered Outward Bound, *John Alden* in *Friendship* for *New-foundland*. *Nathaniel Eliot* in the *Mary* Ketch for *Curaso*. Entered Inwards, *Joseph Esman* from *Topsham*, *Pitts* from *Carolina*, *Wheeler* from *Coratuck*. Permitted to Clear Outwards, *Love* and *Stevens* for *Barbadoes*, *Coffin*, *Newcomb*[,] *Blague* for *Madera*. Coasters Inwards, *Adolph*, *Schellinx* and *Nichols* from *New-York*, *Parker* from *Piscataqua*, *Smallage* from *Rhode-Island* Outward, *Sands*, *Walker* for *Rhode-Island*, and *Gardiner* for *Nantucket*.

Philadelphia, *June* 29. Capt. *Hamerton* Arrived here in 17 days from *Barbadoes*, says, That the men that Ran away with the Island Briganteen, put the Capt. and some of the men that would not Joyn with them, on board a Sloop they met at Sea, which was after taken by the *French* and carried in to *Martinico*. Its supposed they are gone with the Briganteen for the Red-Sea.

New-York July 3. We have Advice from *Madera*, (by Cap. Penniston) That two French Men of War Landed at *Porte Sancto* near that Island, & committed some spoil, but in a short time were repelled with considerable loss.

That a *Swedes* Ship, Commanded by *Pickering*, an Irishman, who was bound to Cadiz, was forced into *Faro* in *Portugal*, where lay a Small English Frigot, whom *Pickering* resisted, until he had lost 60 men out of 80, which was his complement, & then was taken by the Frigot, & sent to *Engl.* a Prisoner, Pickering pretended he was bound to *Genoa*.

They write from *Madera* that the difference between the Emperor & the *Hungarians* are accomodated.

On 29 *June* last arrived here one *Collier* from *Fyall* in 8 weeks, Letters by him from *London* of 29 *February* say, our Ships bound hither would Sail with the *Barbados* Convoy, but the time of Sailing not assign'd.

Our Assembly is Adjourn'd to the 2 day of *October* next.

Advertisements

A Farm to be Sold containing 430 Acres lying between *Woodcocks* & *Seaconk alias Rehoboth*, butting upon the Road by the 7 mile River, well wooded & watered with fresh Meadow suitable to said Farm being about 5 miles from Mr. *Jinks's* Iron Works of *Providence*. If any person has a mind to purchase said Farm, they may discourse Mr. *Gedion Crawfurd* of *Providence* concerning it, who has power to dispose of the same upon reasonable terms.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday July 10. to Monday July 17. 1704.

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[NEARLY three-fourths of this number is occupied by foreign matter, which comprizes: under dates Westminister, December 20 and 23, 1703, addresses of the two houses of Parliament to the queen; under January dates, the queen's order governing the conduct of theatres, and a speech to Parliament; and general European items. Titles of acts passed by the General Court, are included in the domestic news.]

Boston, July 17. *Sundry Acts passed the* 28*th. of* June, *by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesties Province of the* Massachusetts-Bay *in* New-England: *Begun and Held at* Boston, *upon* Wednesday *the* 31st. *of* May, 1704.

An Act directing that the Militia of the Frontiers be provided with Snow Shoes, *&c.*

An Act of Priviledge to the Members of the General Assembly and Judges of Assize.

An Act for removing the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and Inferiour Court of Pleas from *Wells* to *York*.

An Act in further Addition to the Act for Levying Souldiers, &c.

An Act of Continuation of several Acts therein mentioned that are near expiring, *viz.* *An Act* to prevent the deserting the Frontiers of this Province. The Paragraph, In addition to the *Act*, for Levying Souldiers, *&c.* The *Act Entituled*, *An Act*, Granting unto Her Majesty an Excise upon Wines, Liquors and Strong Drink Sold by Retail. *The Act* for Granting unto Her Majesty several Rates and Duties of Impost and Tunnage of Shipping.

An Act for Granting unto Her Majesty a Tax upon Polls and Estates of 22613*l.* 10*s.* for payment of the Publick Debts already contracted, and for defreying the growing Charge of the War, *&c.*

An Act for punishing Officers and Souldiers, retained in Her Majesties Service, and under pay.

Portsmouth April 27. Yesterday arrived here the *Centurion* Man of War, Capt. *Hern* Commander, from *N. England*, with the

Mast-Ship and Merchant-men under his Convoy, who as soon as he made *Scylla* with the Fleet, a Privateer of 24 Guns came within two miles of them: but seeing the Man of War, he tack't and stood away: The *Centurion* Chas'd him 3 hours, and came so near him, that the Privateer was forced to throw his Guns Overboard to lighten his Ship for Sailing; a Fog coming on, the Man of War was necessitated to desist his pursuing, for fear of losing the Fleet; Capt. *Thomas* that Sailed from *New-England* before the Fleet, is taken by the *French*, and carried into *Genoua*.

Boston, Capt. *Jenkins* came out in Company with a Fleet of about 200 Sail, under Convoy of Sir *Cloudsly Shovel;* There being 30 Men of War, 6 whereof were bound to the *West-Indies* with some of the Fleet, some Men of War, and another part of the Merchant men bound to *Portugal;* The Men of War immediately to return, and join Sir *Cloudsly*, who is to Guard the Channel, Capt. *Pitts* and Capt. *Miles* both bound hither, came out in Company.

On *Fryday* last, There was a great Thunder Shower of Rain, together with great Hail stones.

On *Wednesday* 19*th* Instant, There is Holden a Court of Admiralty at *Newport* on *Rhode-Island*, by the Honorable *Nathaniel Byfield* Esq. Judge of the Court, and other the Officers of the said Court, Dependent on the Vice-Admiralty of His Excellency the Governour of these Provinces, and Vice-Admiral of the same; and particularly of *Rhode-Island*, and *Providence-Plantation*, Pursuant to Her Majesties late Commands sent to the said Government of *Rhode-Island*, which it is not doubted will be now obeyed there.

Outward Bound, *Bryan Smith* for *Lisborn:* Capt. *John Ellery* and *Samuel Emes* for *Barbadoes: Stephen Codman* for *Pensilvania*, *Abraham Hill* for *Antigua*, *Richard Ingersol* for *Newfoundland*, Coasters Entered Inwards, *Samuel Prince* and *Nathaniel Lorring* from *Connecticut*. Cleared Outwards *Ebenezer Dearby* for *West-Jersey*, *Thomas Lathrop*, *John Lathrop* and *Ichabod Tapper* for *Connecticut*, *Anthonie Bracket*, *Joseph Flood* and *John Jackson* for *Piscataqua: Dirick Adolp* for *New-York*. Forreign Entered Inwards. *Richard Smith* from *Bristol*, *James Cauley*, *Abraham Gording*, from *Fyall*, *John Jenkins* in the *Eagle* Gally from *London*. Forreign permitted to clear Outwards, *John Snapes* for *Newfoundland*, *Nathaniel Harris* for *Antigua*, *Andrew Elson* for *Lisborn*, *John Tucker* for *North Carolina*, *Nicholas Parker* for *Barbadoes*.

Capt. *Miles* Arrived Yesterday from *London*.

New-York, *July* 10. Capt. *Davison* Sail'd for *London* on Thursday last. His Excellency has Adjourn'd the Assembly of *New-Jersy*

to the *4th* of *September* next. Dr. *John Bridges* our Chief Justice dy'd on Thursday last.

Advertisement

THere is a Negro man taken up supposed to be Run-away from his Master; he said he was a free Negro, and lived at *Bristol*, but upon being sent to Prison, he owned he was a Servant and made his escape from his Master *Matthew Howard* at *Seaconet*, about 5 Weeks ago: he is a Lusty Fellow, says his name is *George;* upon paying the Post-master for this Advertisement the owner may be informed where he is, and also upon paying the charge and reward for taking him up, may have said Negro again.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday July 17. to Monday July 24. 1704.

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[THIS issue is a full sheet folio. The first two pages and more than half of the third page are taken up, under date *Westminister, January* 17, 1703/4, by the "Humble Representation" of the English peers presented to the queen upon occasion of an Address to her majesty by the commons, Dec. 23, "by which the House of Lords is charged with the Violation of Your Royal Prerogative, and of the known Laws of the Land; with wresting persons suspected of Treasonable Practices, and taken into Custody by Messengers out of Your Majesties Hands, without Your leave or knowledge, and in a most extraordinary manner taking the examination of them solely to themselves, whereby a due enquiry into the evil practices and designs against Your Majesties Person and Government might in great measure be obstructed." Other foreign items are mixed with the domestic news occupying the remainder of the space. The domestic news, of larger importance than usual, includes a vivid tale of the sea; the arrival of an express briganteen sent by Col. Church, commander of the colonial forces, from Port Royal with letters to the governor; and the sailing of an express sloop for England with an account of the Quelch affair for the queen, and two prisoners charged with being accessories.]

Boston, On the first of *March* last, Sailed from hence, *John Jarvies* in the Sloop *Henrietta*, bound for *Barbadoes*, and in the Latitude of 30. about 180 leagues to the Eastward of Cape *Cod*, he met with three *French* Ships, Letter of Mart men from *Martinico*, bound for *Bilboa* for Convoy: The Commadore had 20 Guns, one 16, the other 12. Guns: It being Calm, they took the Sloop with two of their Boats,

the Master and two men they carried with them Prisoners; and put five *French* men on board the Sloop, leaving only *Noah Champney* the Mate, and the Boy on Board, and ordered them to make the best of their way to *Vego;* and meeting with contrary Winds, in the Latitude of 38, about 190 Leagues to the Eastward of *Traseras*, they thought fit to alter their Course, and go for *Cadiz*. The *French* men all along used the Mate and Boy very hardly and barbarously, making each of them steer 4 hours at a time by turns, scarcely suffering them to sleep, beating them with Ropes ends, almost starv'd with cold for want of Cloaths, having taken all their Cloaths from them, and allowing them no Beds to lie upon: which severe hard usage made their life burthensome, and put Mr. *Champney* on thinking how to redress themselves, and discoursing the Boy, they agreed to watch an opportunity to knock the *French* men on the Head, and relieve themselves out of their misery. Therefore on or about the 22d. of *April* last, about three of the Clock in the Afternoon, 4 of the *French* men being in the Cabbin, and the 5th upon Deck: The Boy at the Helm a Steering, it being Mr. *Champney's* turn to sleep, he lay in the warm Sun upon Deck, but could not sleep: The *French* man upon Deck going to draw a Bucket of Water, *Champney* started up, and took an Ax and knock'd him in the head, and threw him Overboard, the *French* man rose again and cry'd *Mondieu*, at the noise of which, the Captain came out of the Cabbin and one more, storm'd and stampt, whereupon Mr. *Champney* at the Captain with his Ax gave him a blow and fel'd him; then ran to the other and gave him a blow also, and fel'd him. The other two French men were about to come out of the Cabbin, & Mr. *Champney* charged them not to come up, else he'd knock 'em on the head also, upn which they cryed out for Quarter, and so he ordered them to abide in the Cabbin & ordered the Boy to go and spike up the door, and the Boy returning from the Cabbin, one of the *French* men before knock'd down was getting up again, *Champney* ordered the Boy to give him a blow with the Ax, and then they threw both of them Overboard, and shap'd their Course for *New-England:* They kept the two *French* men in the Cabbin till night, and then let them out: they being illiterate fellows and no Artists, made *Champney* secure of fearing any hurt from them, knowing they kill'd him, themselves must perish. On the 26th of *June* he met a Briganteen from *London*, bound for *Philadelphia*, *Nathaniel Pugle* Master, in the Latitude of 40, and exchanged a *French* man for an *English*-man. And on *Monday* last, off of the Isles of *Sholes* he was Chased by Captain *Gallop* (in a Briganteen from *Port-Royal* with Advice from our Forces) whom he took to be a *French*-man, which put him in a great consternation what to do; he threw Overboard all the *French*-mens Cloaths, Papers, and what

else belonged to them, for his own self defence, fearing he should be taken and discovered; whilst Mr. *Champney* went to the Cabbin, to throw over the Cloaths, *&c.* The Boy knockt the surviving *French*-man on the head and threw him Overboard. And on *Wednesday* last they Arrived at *Boston.*

On *Wednesday* last arrived here Captain *Gallop*, in a Briganteen sent Express by Colonel *Church*, Commander in Chief of our Forces from *Port-Royal*, with Letters to His Excellency of the 7th Currant, acquainting him of their having laid waste and destroyed about 60 Houses in *Menis;* about 6 Mills, a great many fine Barns, kill'd a great number of Cattle, done some damage to their Damms that kept the Sea from overflowing their Corn, rooted up their Corn, kill'd some *French* and *Indians*, with the loss of two of our men, *viz.* Lieutenant *Joshua Barker*, of the Colonels Company, and Sergeant *Briggs* of Capt *Haradines* Company. We have also taken a Sloop who had on Board 6 of our Captives, who hired her to come to *Boston*, *&c.* Captain *Gallop* brought 45 *French* Prisoners in the said Briganteen.

Captain *Cary* Sailed on *Saturday* last, in the Express Sloop for *England*, with an Account of Capt. *Quelch* and Company's Tryal, *&c.* who carries with him Capt. *Thomas Larimore* and *Joseph Wells* Lieutenant (mentioned in our Numb. 9 Print, as Accessaries in endeavouring to cary off the 7 Pirates then taken) as Prisoners to the Queen: He carries also with him three Evidences of their Crime committed.[38]

Mr. *Thomas Weld*, a pious Youth, Son to the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Weld*, Minister of *Dunstable*, who took his Second Degree at *Cambridge* on the 5th Instant, Sickened on the *Fryday* following, Dyed the 21*st* Currant at *Brantrey*, and Buried at *Roxbury* the 22d.

Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Meirs* for *Suranam*, and *Nehemiah Partridge* for *Barbadoes.* Coasters inwards, *Joseph Breed* from *Piscataqua*, and *Joseph Lewis* from *Saybrook.* Outward, *Samuel Prince* for *Fairfield*, *William Rhodes* for *New Haven*, and *Benjamin Flood* for *Piscataqua.* Forreign Inwards, *Stephen Payne* from *Madera*, and Captain *James Pitts*, in the *David* and *Joseph* from *Falmouth.* Permitted to clear Outwards, *John Welsh*, in *Sea flower* Sloop for *England.*

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38 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 394. For detailed account of the Quelch affair, including parts of the News-Letter paragraphs relating to it in Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 *ante*, 63, 66 *post*, see Notes, Province Laws, Vol. VIII, pp. 386-397. Also see paper by Abner C. Goodell, (then editor of the Province Laws and maker of the Notes in Vol. VIII). "Captain Quelch, the Pirate," comprising extracts from his Province Laws Notes, in Publications of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts. Vol. III, pp. 71-77.

Philadelphia, July 13. Last night Arriv'd *Isaac Waterman* from *Maryland*, came a Passenger in the Sloop *Amity* of this place *Alexander Alpin* Master from *Barbadoes*, but Arriv'd in *Maryland*. who about 5 Weeks ago in Lat. 32. 20. was taken by the Duke of *Orleance*, *Delavil Hitchet* Commander, a French Privateer of 36. Guns, 170 men, belongs to St. *Malaos*, came in her Ballast from the *Havana;* They told the People of the Sloop, That they designed to Cruse for about Six Weeks between Cape *Hatteras* and Cape *Cod*. And also said, That another Ship of 40 odd Guns, was to Sail in a few days after them and do the same. Capt. *Alpin* ransomed the Sloop for 800 *l*. Sterling: His Mate *Philip Morys* left on board in Hostage till said Money is paid; many of the Privateers men spoke very good English, and suppose them to be Irish.

New-York July 17*th*. On the 11. instant *Moor Darril* Master, in a Sloop from *Curaso* Arriv'd here in about a Months passage, in whom came Capt. *Bay* who last Spring Sail'd from *Piscataqua* bound to *Barbadoes*, and was taken on the 3*d* of *March* last in sight of *Barbadoes* by young *Laroux* a French man, who carryed him in to *Martinico*, and stole him thence to St. *Thomas's*, from whence he got to *Curaso*, and so hither, and is now bound for *Boston*.

His Excellency has been pleased to appoint *Roger Mompesson* Esq. Chief Justice of this Province to the general Satisfaction of it. A Sloop *Andrew Law* Master is put up for *London*

Advertisement.

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N. E. Numb. 15.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday July 24. to Monday July 31. 1704.

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[RETURN to the half sheet folio is made with this issue. Foreign matter occupies the first page and a quarter of the second; mainly, under date St. *James February* 21, composed of loyal addresses to the queen from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Sterling. The domestic news is again of unusual importance, embracing a proclamation of Governor Dudley "with respect to the circulation of counterfeit bills of credit on the Province;" record of the arrest of a band of counterfeiters and seizure of their plate and press; report from Marshfield of the death of Peregrine White, "the first Englishman born in New-England;" reports from New York of movements to strengthen the frontiers; and story of an expedition from South

Carolina for Cuba and its defeat in a sea fight with a Spanish Ship.]

By His Excellency *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New England.*

A PROCLAMATION[39]

WHEREAS it's manifest, That some evil minded Persons, designing to Cheat and Cousen Her Majesties good Subjects, have attempted to Counterfeit the Twenty Shilling *Bill of Credit on this Province,*

For the better Detecting of which wicked practice, and to prevent Loss and Damage to Her Majesties good Subjects, by taking any of the said false Bills,

I Have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Notify all Her Majesties good Subjects, of the Deceit and Cousenage afore mentioned, That they may not be Imposed on thereby; And to Require all Persons, having any of the *Twenty Shilling* Bills of Credit in their hands, to offer the same to the View and Examination of the Commissioners that signed the Bills, or one of them; who will be present and attend at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, for that purpose, upon *Tuesday*, *Thursday* and *Saturday* weekly, until the last day of *August* next, *Viz.* on *Tuesday's* and *Saturday's* from Eleven to One of the Clock, and on *Thursday's* from three to five of the Clock afternoon; And will give them Assurance of their Bills being either good or forged.

And forasmuch as there must necessarily be a Combination of divers Persons in the said wicked Design of Forgery and Deceit; whosoever therefor shall make discovery of them so as to convict the Contrivers and Actors thereof, or any of them, the Person or Persons making such discovery, although themselves have been concerned therein, shall not only receive an Indemnity from any punishment, but also a Reward of *Fifty Pounds*, to be ordered and paid them out of the Publick Treasury.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston *the* 24*th of* July 1704. *In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady* ANNE, *by the Grace of GOD of* England, Scotland, France and Ireland *QUEEN, Defender of the Faith*, &c.

By Order of the Governour and Council.
Isaac Addington *Secr.*

J. DUDLEY.

GOD *Save* the QUEEN.

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39 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 431. See News-Letter Nos. 17, 57, 59, 60, 61, 82 (1705) *post*.

Boston. Several Persons that were Actors and Contrivers in attempting to Counterfeit the 20 *s.* Bills of Credit on this Province, Thereby to Cheat and Cousen Her Majesties good Subjects, are now in Prison, *viz. Peregrine White* and *Benoni White*, Black-Smiths, *John Brewer* Carpenter, and *Daniel Amos* Wine-cooper. By the Examination taken, it do's not appear that there has been the value of *One hundred Pounds* of the said Counterfeit Bills made or Issued. And their Plate & Press is Seized, which it's hoped will put a full stop to the further progress of that wicked practice.

Thomas Odell one of the principal Actors in that Villany & Cousenage, and also Infamous for his making & uttering of base Money, absconds and is fled from Justice; Whosoever shall discover and cause him to be apprehended that he may be brought to answer for his Crimes aforesaid, will be well rewarded for his pains. And 'tis said the greatest loss in this matter will fall upon *N Hampshire* in case the said *Odell* be not taken, he having carryed most of his Counterfeit Bills into that Province.[40]

Entred Outward bound Capt. *Jenkins* for *London*, *Smith* for *Bristol.* Coasters Inwards, *Sanders*, *Starkie* from *N. Carolina*, *Curtise*, *Lathrop*, *Connecticut*, *Gardiner*, *Nantucket*, *Degrose*, *N. York.* Outwards, *Paynter*, *Ireland*, *Wilson*, *Clarke*, *Lewis*, *Hall* and *Loring* for Connecticut. *Schellinx*, *Gravenraet*, *N-York.* Forreign Inwards, *Wilkins* from *St. Christophers.* Permitted to clear Outwards, *Alden & Everton*, for *N-Foundland*, *Sergeant*, *Barbadoes*, *Armitage*, *Antigua*, *Calley* and *Chamberlin* for *Fyall.*

Marshfield, *July*, 22. Capt. *Peregrine White* of this Town, Aged Eighty three years, and Eight Months; died the 20*th* Instant. He was vigorous and of a comly Aspct to the last; Was the Son of Mr. *William White* and *Susanna* his Wife; born on board the *May flower*, Capt. *Jones* Commander, in *Cape Cod* Harbour, *November*, 1620, was the First *Englishman* born in *New-England.* Altho' he was in the former part of his Life extravagant; yet was much Reform'd in his last years; and died hopefully.

New-York, *July* 24. On the 19th. His Excellency Sailed from hence for *Albany*, and carried Forces with him to strengthen the Frontiers, and more will follow in a few days. On the 22d. The Rd. Mr. *Mott*, Chaplain to the Forces here died. On same day arrived *James Cebro* in 21 days from *Jamaica* says 3 Men of War, & 13 Merchant men were arrived there from *England*, and that the homeward bound Fleet for *London* would Sail the 6th. Instant under Convoy

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40 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 431. See News-Letter Nos. 17, 57, 59, 60, 61, 82 (1705) *post.*

of 3 men of War. On said Day arrived Cap. *Aarian Claver*, Commander of a Dutch Privateer of 18 Guns, 120 men, fitted here and Sailed in the Spring, brought in two Spanish Prizes a Setty and a Sloop, on board of which are 100 Pipes of Canary-Brandy, 30 Pipes of Palm-Wine, 900 Jarrs of Oyl, 124 Bayls of dry Goods and Silks, 30 Slaves Negroes and Indians, *&c.* Which they took upon the Coast of *New-Spain.*

Rhode-Island, *July* 28. Capt. *Richard Simmes* in the Briganteen Katty, burthen 90 Tuns, Sails for *London* in about three weeks.

Philadelphia, *July* 20. Letters from *S. Carolina* acquaint us that the Latter end of *May*, That Province fitted out a Sloop and a Gally with 70 stout men well arm'd with Ammunition, and some Merchants at *Charlestown* fitted out another small Sloop with 45 men, the two Sloops Commanded by Capt. *Cock*, and Capt. *Williams*, designed for the coast of *Cuba*. Capt. *Williams* first Sail'd, and came up with a Spanish Ship from old Spain of 20 Guns and 16 Patteraroes; after some Debate boarded her, but found her very hot; They set her quarter on fire, then put off fearing they should burn with her, but the Spaniards put the fire out; after which they boarded her again, Whereupon the Spaniards on the Fore-castle cry'd quarter, but the Spanish Captain seeing but few enter with Capt. *Williams*, and seeing many dead and wounded men on the Sloops Deck, took courage and renewed the fight, and beat them off. Capt. *Williams* had 6 or 8 men killed and 12 wounded: They guess the Ship to be worth 50000*l.* The other Sloop and Galley not returned.

[No advertisements in this number.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday July 31. to Monday August 7. 1704.

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[FOREIGN matter fills the first page and breaks into the second: a London item covers the celebration of the queen's birthday (in the preceding February) when "Her Majesty received the usual Compliments from the Nobility, the Foreign Ministers, and other Persons of Quality of both Sexes; and there was a very great and splendid Appearance at Court." The domestic news is again important. Its principal feature is the account which is given by Colonel Church concerning the operations of the forces placed under

his command in the expedition eastward, conducted against the French and Indians; and there is a report of an assault of the enemy on Lancaster. Other paragraphs cover reports of sea conflicts with privateers.]

Boston, By Letters to His Excellency of the 28. of *July* last, from Col. *Church* Commander in Chief of our Forces then at *Mount Desert*, acquainted, That on the 7 of *July* he with the Forces Landed again at *Minis*, burnt the remainder of the standing Fence and Houses, kil.'d about 70 head of Cattel, besides Sheep and Hogs, cut down all their Damns, and Corn, destroyed their Gardens. The Col. and 300 men went to the upper River about 6 Leagues thence, called *Peiaygit*, where he burnt about 40 Houses, besides Out-houses, destroyed a great deal of Corn and Cattel; had a small Skirmish with the Enemy, wherein we had two Indians wounded. Our Prisoners report that a *Boston* Privateer took the *Canada Magazin*, at (*La Bays Verte*) to say the *Green Bay*, which is in *Canada* River, but 3 Leagues from *Syconecto* Church. The 17*th* Our Forces return'd from *Syconecto*. The Inhabitants being fled, met only with empty Houses to the number of 40, which we burnt, and kill'd above 200 head of Cattel, a great many Sheep and Hogs; a small party of the Enemy appeared behind a Fence, who fired briskly on our men, but were soon repulsed and beat off with some loss. On the 24. We came to *Passamiquadi* and met with Monsieur D. *Amboise* his Wife and Children, who says, That *Chartiers* his Wife and Children and two more that run from us here, and all the Indians fled to *Canada* as soon as we were gone, only and [an] old Indian and a Boy. On 28. we Arrived at *Mount Desert*, met one of our Vessels, one *Carr* Master, who acquaints, That wanting Firewood, near *Machias*, sent his boat on shoar with 4 men well arm'd, who contrary to their orders, went to a wrong place, Guns were heard go off, on which the Sloop hail'd in to the Shoar, found the Boat sunk, and one *Sargent* dead, whom they brought off, the other three not found, and whither kill'd or Captivated not known. There is brought to *Boston* about 24 Prisoners.

On Monday Morning past, The Enemy French and Indians, fell in upon *Lancester*, about some four hundred of them, assaulted Six Garrisons at once, where the People defended themselves very well; until assistance came in from all parts by the Governour's Order, so that in the Evening, there were three hundred men in the Town, And the Enemy was beatten off with loss, but are yet hovering on the head of those Towns, to make some further Impression, if not prevented.

On *Fryday* the 4*th*. Currant, arrived here *Thomas Jones*, Master

of a Pink, burthen about 80 Tuns, being a *French* Prize taken by Capt. *Benjamin Gillam* in his Voyage from *Barbadoes* to *London*, in the Latitude of 48 about 350 Leagues to the *Westward* of *Silly*, has on Board about 40 Tuns of Salt, was bound for *New-found land*.

Entered Outwards, *Walker* for *Barbadoes*, *Carey for New-found land*, *Blew* for *Montserrat*, and *Shute* for St. *Christophers*. Coasters Inwards, *Amazone* from *Piscataqua*, and *Blin* from *Guilford*. Coasters Outwards, *Odiorne* and *Bracket* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Inwards, *Collard* from *Antigua*. Permitted to clear Outwards, *Emes* and *Bennet* for *Barbadoes*, *Hill* for *Antigua*, *Sanders* for *Roanock*, *Balch* for *New-found-land*, *Eliot* for *Curaso*.

New-London, Aug. 3. Yesterday His Honour our Governour went in his Pinnace to *Hartford*, we are much alarmed by reason of a very great Ship and two Sloops said to be seen at *Block-Island*, and supposed to be French.

Philadelphia, *July* 27. On the 22d arriv'd Capt. *Wanton* in a Briganteen about 22 days Passage from *Antigua*, came out in Company with 6 Sail bound for *Bristol*, *Collard* for *Boston*, one *Pasco* for *N-York*, on 23d. dyed Mr. *John Bewlo* our Collector, and is succeeded by Mr. *John Moor*.

Amboy, *June* 29. On *Wednesday* last by an Express from *Monmouth* sent to His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury*, we were informed of a *French* Privateer that lay at *Sandy-hook*, who the night before had landed 24 men at *Neversinks*, & plundered two Houses; upon which news Cap. *Hamilton* ordered a strict Watch to be kept here, to prevent a surprise; & on *Thursday* night several Gentlemen came here, *viz. Messeurs Philip French*, *Glencross*, *Gordon*, *Richards*, & Cap. *Perkins*, who were Passengers on Board of Cap. *Sinclare* that came from *London*, & were that morning about 4 a Clock standing along the side of the *Hook* when they saw this Privateer whom they took to be an Outward bound Vessel from *New-York*. The Privateer fired two shots at them, having English Colours out; Cap. *Sinclare* endeavour'd to get from him and ran his Vessel on shore, but the Wind prevented, a man upon Shore pull'd off his Shirt, & made signs that the Privateer was a Rogue, upon which those Gentlemen got in to the Boat and escap'd and took in Cap. *Sinclare* who was extream ill, & landed at the Highlands of *Neversinks* where was a strong Guard; his Mate staid on board with some of the Seamen endeavouring to get the Ship within the hook but could not, & so jumpt into the water, he & Capt. *Perkins's* Son, and swam on Shore when within Pistol Shot of the Privateer.

New York, *July* 31. On 20 Currant, *Simon Pasco* from *Antigua* bound hither was taken by a *French Privateer* of 14 Guns, 120 men

off of the Capes of *Delawar* lat. 45. The Privateer belongs to *Bourdeaux*, unloaded at *Martinico*, and there fitted out; Cap. *Davy* is Commander, they took a Barrel of Sugar, and a Hogshead of Rum out of the Sloop, her Guns and Arms, & then burnt her with all her Loading; notwithstanding Mr. *Pasco* offered 300 *Pound* for her Ransom; afterward said Privateer Chas'd Mr. *Sandiford* bound hither from *Carolina*, who got into *Sandy-hook* before him.

On the 25. the Privateer came to an Anchor in *Sandy-hook*, and there took *Eleazar Darby* in a Sloop from *Boston* bound to *Philadelphia*, next day they took a Wood Boat & two Slaves, and that night gave Mr. *Pasco* and his men their liberty, who about ten a Clock got up to *N. York*.

On the 27. early in the Morning the Privateer took Capt. *Sinclare*, so soon as Mr. *Pasco* came with the News, the Gentlemen of Her Majesties Council met and sent for Capt. *Claver* Commander of the Dutch Privateer, and proposed to him to go out and take said Privateer, at least to retake the Prize whom we judged to be *Sinclare;* who offered his Service, and in two hours Sail'd with 150. men and 50 men on board his Sloop, and said day came up with the Privateer and her Prize, but returned the 28*th* without effecting any thing. And on the 29th. Capt. *Claver* man'd off new again; Capt. *Evertson* and Capt. *Penniston* in two good Sloops are gone well man'd a second time in pursuit of the Privateer,

On the 30th Instant the *Jersey* Man of War arrived at *Sandy-hook*, and 5 days before spoke with Capt. *Puckle* from *London* to *Philadelphia;* She also met a Sloop from *Newfoundland* bound hither, one *Martin* Master, which they Seized, having prohibited Goods on board. It's said the *Jers*[*e*]*y* will Sail to morrow, who lyes at *Sandy-hook* to recruit with Water, *&c.*

Piscataqua, Aug. 4. Here is an Embargo laid on all Outward bound Vessels. Mr. *Shortridge* is Arrived from *Fyall.*

Advertisement

THere is to be Sold a Still-House (about a Mile from *New-York*) 50 Foot long, and 22 Foot broad, with two good Copper Stills, Head and Worms; one of said Stills containing about 140 Gallons, the other about 100 Gallons. There is a very good Well, Pumps; all the conveniences and Utensils necessary for said Still-House; And a stout lusty Negro Man, who understands Stilling. If any body have a mind to buy said Still-House, they may agree with Mr. *Augustus Lucas* of said *New-York* upon reasonable Terms: they may have an Inventory of all the things belonging to said Still-House,

and the buyer shall have all the Satisfaction he can desire about the Stilling.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday August 7. to Monday August 14. 1704.

NY—AS

[A CONSIDERABLE part of this issue is taken up with reports from Milan, Vienna, Portsmouth, Zurich and other points, concerning the war, and particularly in relation to carrying on hostilities in Germany. The domestic news includes a proclamation by the governor for the apprehending of Thomas Odell, "a chief contriver and actor" in counterfeiting a certain bill of credit on the Province.]

Fyal, June 30: The *Deptford* & *Lowstoff* Men of War bound home from *Guinea*, put in here ten days ago for Water; in their outward bound Voyage by contrary Winds fell in amongst the *Canary* Islands, and passing the Road of *Sancta Crux* the 13th of *November* last, espied several Vessels, went in under *French* Colours and brought out 5 Sail *viz.* 2 Galleons which they burnt off the Road, one Ship they sent home Loaden with Canaries & Logwood; The other two small vessels they carried with them, the one whereof was a *Dutch* built Dogger, burthen about 90 Tuns, on board whereof they put much of their Plunder & the Lowstoff's Stores. Which Said Dogger ran away from them in the night, the 30th of *November* last, near Cape DeVerd, having 6 Guns & 4 Patteraro's mounted.

Capt. *Becilly* in the *Deptford* Sail'd from this Road 6 days ago in search of a *French* man who had lain 5 or 6 days off the Island, and the *French* man boarded him in the night, the *Deptford* pretending to run from him, but finding his mistake got from him and run for it, the Man of War being foul could not come up with him, but gaul'd him so that he has left the Island, and several of his men ashore on the Island of St. *Georges*.

The two Men of War will sail from hence to morrow with 5 Sail of Merchant men under their Convoy.

Boston, Capt. *Charles Stuckley*, Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstoff* has given an Account to His Excellency our Governour of the said *Dogger* being run away with sundry of Her Majesties Stores on board of her, by some of the Company belonging to the

Lowstoffe; the names of whom are as follow, *viz. John Clark*, Master, married at *New-York*, *Zachariah Camble*, *James Miller*, and 7 others. And has prayed His Excellency's Assistance to cause them to be Apprehended, if they should happen to arrive within any part of his Government: Whereof notice is by His Excellency's Order hereby given to all Her Majesties Loving Subjects; And to direct them to seiz and secure the said Vessel and Company, or any of them, if so be they may be found.

By His Excellency, *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusets Bay*, &c. in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION for the Apprehending of *Thomas Odell.*[41]

WHEREAS Thomas *Odell, a chief Contriver and Actor in the Counterfeiting of the* Twenty Shilling *Bill of Credit on this Province, and in uttering of the same; As also violently Suspected of making and uttering of base and counterfeit Money, or Coyn, is absconded and concealed; notwithstanding Hue-en-cry's and Warrants have issued to pursue after, and apprehend him, That he might be brought to Answer for his said vile and wicked practices.*

I *Have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Issue this Proclamation hereby requiring all Officers, Civil and Military, and all other Her Majesties Loving Subjects, to apprehend and take into Custody the Body of the said* Thomas Odell; withall Declaring, That *whosoever shall Seize the said* Odell, *and render him to Justice, shall have the Sum of* Thirty Pounds *as a reward therefore, to be Ordered and paid out of the Publick Treasury.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Eighth Day of *August*, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland* QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* By Order of the Governour and Council.

Isaac Addington Secr. *J. DUDLEY.*

GOD Save the QUEEN.

The above-nam'd *Odell* is one of a middle Stature, slender & streight Body, black hair, thin vissage, holding his head somewhat on one side in his walk; who is known often to have changed his name.[42]

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41 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 431-432. See News-Letter No. 15 *ante*, Nos. 57, 59, 60, 61, 82 (1705) *post.*

42 This memorandum was attached to the foregoing proclamation.

By Letters from Col. *Partridge* acquainted, That Capt. *Allin* & his Company, in passing from *Northampton* to *Westfield*, to reinforce Major *Whiting*, The Enemy from an Ambuscado fired upon their Scouts, kill'd one man, & took two Prisoners, one whereof was wounded: The Company hearing the Guns, immediately turned out of the Road into the bushes, & had a small skirmish with the Enemy, kill'd 2 Indians, rescued one of our Prisoners, & took 5 or 6 Guns, & 9 or 10 blankets from the Enemy.[43]

On *Thursday* last, Col. *Church* Commander in Chief of our Forces at the *Eastward*, arrived here with part of the Forces; the other part at *Piscataqua*.

His Excellency, our Governour receiving Intelligence on *Saturday* night by the Post from *N-York* of the *French* Privateer (who took Capt. *Sinclare* mentioned in our last) his coming upon our Coast, sent orders to Capt. *Smith* in the *Gosport*, and Capt. *Southack* in the Province Gally next morning to Sail in quest of said Privatèer.

Entred Outwards, *Mason* for *Curaso*, *Abbot* for *North-Carolina*, *Blower* for *New found-land*, *Holland* for *Maryland*, *Bridger* for *Antigua*, & *Evans* for *Madera*. Coasters Inwards, *Haughton* from *Rhode-Island*, *Vaile* from *Pensilvania*, *Smith & Gilbert* from *Saybrook*. Coasters Outwards, *De Grofe* for *New*, *York Codman & Cornish* for *Pensilvania*. Foreign Inwards, *Webber* from *Antigua*, *Price* from *Newfoundland* & *Buckley* from *Suranam*. Permitted to clear Outwards, *Balston & Davis* for *Barbadoes*, *Cook* for *St Christophers*.

Philadelphia, *August* 3. Yesterday arrived here Capt. *Puckle* from *London* about 14 weeks passage.

N-York, *Aug* 7. Yesterday our 3 Privateers return'd without seeing or hearing of the *French* Privateer, at the same time came in a Briganteen from *Nevis*, who on the last of July, 8 leagues off of *Sandyhook* was taken by the *French* Privateer, & Ransomed for 400 l. St. *Thomas* Mony, & say that the Privateer is gone for *Tarpolin* Cove, having sent Cap. *Sinclare*' Ship with 15 of his men to *Martinico* two days after they took her. The *Jersey* Man of War Sail'd on *Thursday* last, & returned last night with Cap. *Jeffries* from *London*, & to morrow Sails again in pursuit of the *French* Privateer. Last week arrived here two Sloops from *St. Thomas's* in one of which came young *Laroux*, who is committed to Prison till His Excellency returns from *Albany*, for acting in the *French* Service.

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43 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 423.

New-London, *Aug* 9. On *Thursday* last marched from hence Capt. *John Livingston*, with a brave Company of Volunteers English & Indians, to reinforce the Frontiers. Mr. *Jonas Clarke* is arrived from *Boston*.

Stonnington, *Aug*. 10. Here is a person apprehended & secured, for putting several Cheats upon some persons, and supposed to be *Thomas Odell* mentioned in the NewsPaper for Counterfeiting the *Massachusetts-Bays* 20 *s*. bills of Credit. [44]

Rhode-Island, *Aug*. 11. Mr. *Simmes* in the Brigantine *Katty* Sails for *London* with the first fair Wind. Capt. *Whitehorn* bound there also wants men.

Advertisements.

☞THE Life of Justification Opened: Or, A Treatise grounded upon *Gal* 2. 11. Wherein the Orthodox Doctrine of Justification by Faith, and Imputation of CHRIST'S Righteousness, is clearly Expounded, Solidly Confirmed, and Learnedly Vindicated from the various Objections of its Adversaries. Whereunto are subjoyned some Arguments against Universal Redemption. By that Faithful and Learned Servant of Jesus Christ, Mr. *John Broun*, sometimes Minister of the Gospel at *Wamfrey* in *Scotland:* and Recommend by an Eminent Divine, *Mr. Melchior Leydecker*, Professor of Divinity in the University of *Utricht:* As also well Approv'd of by the Reverend Ministers of *Boston* in *N-England*. To be Sold by *Benjamin Eliot*, at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in *Boston:* at a reasonable Price.

A Negro Man Slave to be Sold by Capt. *Wentworth Paxton*, and to be seen at his House in Boston.

[Reprinted: still-house to be sold, as in August 7.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday August 14. to Monday August 21. 1704.

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[THREE columns of this issue are given to the address of the English house of commons to the queen concerning recent actions of the house of lords and differences between those

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two bodies. There is one column of domestic news, including the speech of Governor Dudley to the General Court, August 16.]

His Excellency JOSEPH DUDLEY *Esq. Capt. General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Province of the Massachetts-Bay in* N. England, *&c. His SPEECH to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at* Boston August 16*th.* 1704.

Gentlemen,

SInce your last recess, the Forces Eastward under Col. *Church*, with the Assistance of Her Majesties Ships, have past thro' all the Eastern parts of *L'accadie* and *Nova-Scotia*, and have burnt and destroyed all the French Settlements except the Town of *Port-Royal:* And Kill'd their Cattel, & broken their Dams; and have brought home about 100 Prisoners, and a good Plunder: So that I am not sensible there are five Houses left in any part of the French Settlement out of sight of the Fort, or any manner of support for the Inhabitants; which was what we projected in the Spring. And the Forces are returned and disbanded without the loss of any more than Six men, for which we have all reason to render thanks to Almighty GOD.

You are further sensible of the Inroad made upon us at *Lancaster*, by about 300 French & Indians, where by the favour of GOD, we were so ready for them that we have lost no Garison; and our Forces have press'd upon them so early and so diligently, that they are Marcht off after a two Months Expedition, without any further Triumph, Than that of three or four Children. And the Forces there of about 300 men under Major *Tailor* were also yesterday disbanded, saving what are necessary upon the Frontiers of *Middlesex* to Assist the Harvest.

I have also to Acquaint you, That we have lately discovered a number of ill men, Coyners of Money, & Forgers of our Bills of Credit, which are in Prison to answer; and tho' the Common Law will be sufficient to Impower the Judges for their punishment, yet I shall desire your Advice and Assistance for the prevention of such Villanies, tending so much to the ruine of Trade and the Publick Credit of the Government.

The Treasurers Accompts will be before you, & what is necessary thereupon, your last Order for the supply of the Treasury was mistaken and ineffectual, which you will soon perceive and rectify, That we may proceed in our payments.

I consider the season of the Year, & the necessity of my Putting the Province of *Main* into a new posture upon the return of the Forces from thence, & shall desire that three or four days may conclude this Session, the ordinary time of your meeting being so near.

The House of Representatives have Voted Thanks to be given to Col. *Church*, Commander in Chief of the Forces in the Expedition to the Eastward for his good Service.

On *Saturday* his Excellency Prorogu'd the General Assembly to the 25th day of *October* next.

Outward bound, *Lilly*, *Vibart & Wyar* for *Barbadoes*, *Price*, *White & Hurst* for *N. foundland*, Coasters Inwards, *Parker*, *Patty & Allin* from *Connecticut*. Coasters outwards, *Lathrop* for *Rhode-Island*, *Abbot* for *N. Carolina*, *Church* for *Bristol*. Foreign Inwards, *Rodes* from *Rhode-Island*, *Vial & Richards* from *Jamaica*, *Way* from *Maryland*. Forreign Outwards, *Miris* for *Suranam* & *Gordin* for *Fyall*. Capt. *Jacobs* will Sail in eight days for *Bristol*.

N-York, *Aug.* 14. On the 12. His Excel. our Govr. arriv'd here from *Albany*, which place with the rest of the Frontiers, he found in a very good posture of Defence, and our Indians well affected to the Government.

Philadelphia, *Aug.* 11. On *Saturday* last, *Eleazar Darby* arrived at *Salem*, about 4 days before, The *French* Privateer gave him his Sloop, after they plundered her of a great part of her Loading.

Advertisements.

AT Mr. *John Mico* Merchant, his Warehouse upon the Dock in *Boston*, There is to be Sold good Cordage of all sizes, from a Spurn-Yarn to Cables of 13 inches, by whole-sail or Retail.

A Lusty Negro Man-Slave to be Sold by *Thomas Palmer* Esq. and to be seen at his House in *Boston*.

AT Mr. *Joseph Hiller's* House near the *Mill-bridge* in *Boston*, There's good Fyall Wine to be Sold by the Pipe, Quarter Cask, or smaller quantities, as also right Passado's and right Canary by the Quarter Cask or smaller quantities, at reasonable prices.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday August 21. to Monday August 28. 1704.

NY—AS

[THE two columns on the first page, and half of the first column on the second page are filled with foreign news. First, under date "St. *James's* February 7. 1703, 4," is an announcement of grants to the poor clergy by the queen. Following this are news paragraphs from Vienna, Hague and Frankfort chiefly relating to military affairs in Italy and Holland. The declaration of the king

of Spain, Don Carlos III, against the duke of Anjou who was aspiring to the throne is given in full and occupies nearly two columns.]

Jamaica, July 2*d*. Our Coast is often infested with *French* and *Spanish* Privateers, who steal away our Negro's: And when we meet them they pay dear for their Insolence.

Eighty French and Spaniards some few Months ago Landed at St. *Maries*, on the North side of the Island, where Capt. *Nathaniel Brown's* Company quartered, and he chanceing to be there at that time; upon notice thereof, Immediately rallied together what men he could get, being but Sixteen of his own Company, and as many more of the Country, Marched towards them, Six tedious Miles thro' the Woods, where our guides brought him within 50 yards of the Enemy, before they discovered us: They had taken some Negro's and were going off to their Gally, when immediately Capt. *Brown* gave them Battel, and kill'd 35 of them on the Spot, and took 4 Prisoners. The Remainder made their escape in their Gally; and Capt. *Brown* had but one man shot in the breast in all the Incounter. Since which time they have made no attempt on that part of the Island; for which good Service he had the Governour and Councel's thanks.

We dáyly expect a Fleet of Men of War, and some Land Forces from *England*.

Some says, That Monsieur *Decast* is ordered to Attack this Island, but we don't fear him.

Boston. An Act passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly, begun at *Boston* the 31*th* of *May*, 1704. and continued by Prorogation unto *Wednesday*, the 16. of *August* Currant, Against Counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of this Province.

On Thursday the 24*th*. The Weekly Lecture being turned into a Fast at the South-Meeting-house, at the close of the Forenoon's Sermon,[45] broke out a Fire in the Anchor Tavern[46] (near the Old-Meeting house) on the top of the Roof; occasioned by some unlucky Boys, who carryed some Coals up to the Turret, to Fire off a Pistol; which was by GOD'S good and signal Providence put out again, otherwise had proved of fatal consequence.

The *Gosport* Man of War, and the Province Galley returned on the 26 Currant from their Cruise, could hear nothing of the *French* Privateer.

Captain *Smith* in the *Gosport* Sails first fair Wind for *Piscataqua*.

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45 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 115, under date August .

46 The Blue Anchor tavern: on the present Washington Street, east side, about where the building of the Globe newspaper stands.

Captain *Jacobs* for *Bristol*, will Sail in about a Fortnight.

Outward bound, *Collard* for *Antegua*, *Welsh* and *Hobbs* for *N. foundland*, *Homes* for *Barbadoes*, *Richards* and *Vial* for *Jamaica*, *Parker* for *Pensilvania*, *Gilbert* for *N. York*. Coasters Inwards, *Flood*, *Garner*, *Kingburry* and *Tupper* from *Piscataqua*, *Hilliard N. Carolina*, and *Lothrop* from *Gillford*. Outwards *Rhodes* for *N. Haven*. Forreign Inwards, *Tew* from *Nevis*, *Carket* from *Jamaica*, *Thwing* from *Suranam*. Forreign outwards, *Payne*, *Price* and *Hirst* for *Nfoundland*, *Blew* for *Monserrat*, and *Mortimore* for *Barbados*.

Philadelphia, *August* 18. On the 16. Arrived Two Sloops from *Antigua*, Says a Fleet was some time before Arrived from *England*, with whom came the New General Sir. *William Mathews*.

On the 21. *June* last in *Lat*. 32.40. The Briganteen *Society* belonging to *Milford* in *Connecticut*, *Benjamin Andrews* Master, bound for *Antigua*, was taken by a French Privateer of 14. Guns and 100 & odd men: The Master bought her for 500 pieces of Eight to be paid at St. *Thomas's*, is gone himself hostage for the Money.

New-York, *August* 21. The Jersey man of War is returned from his Cruise, She has been at *Rhode-Island* and *Block-Island* &c. but could hear nothing of the French Privateer. His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* designs for his Government of *New-Jearsey* on Monday next. Capt *Law* and Capt *Jeffers* are both bound for *London*.

Advertisements.

[Reprinted: cordage for sale by John Mico, negro to be sold by Thomas Palmer and wine for sale by Joseph Hiller, as in August 21; Benjamin Eliot's announcement of sale of the Reverend John Brown's work The Life of Justification Opened, as in August 14.]

N. E. Numb. 20.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday August 28. to Monday September 4. 1704.

NY—AS

[WITH the exception of three short domestic news items and a single advertisement the four columns of this issue are filled with foreign news. First is the address from the clergy of the convocation of York to the queen in February preceding, and the queen's response. Then follows the address to the queen from the archbishops, bishops and clergy of Ireland in national conven-

tion. As in preceding issues there are the customary reports of military movements in letters of February and March from Paris, Hague, Vienna and elsewhere.]

Boston, His Excellency our Governour went on *Tuesday* the 22d of *August* for his Goverment of *New-Hampshire*, and returned on *Fryday* the 1st Currant.

Entered Outward, *Codman* for *Fyall*, and *Norris* for *Montserat*. Coasters Inwards, *Adolph* from *New-York*, *Bracket* from *Piscataqua*, *Loring* from *Saybronk*. Coasters Outwards, *Snell* for *Piscataqua*, *Smith* for *Connecticut*, *Parker* for *Pensilvania*, *Gilbert* and *Patty* for *New-York*. Forreign Inwards, *Tiler* from *Montserat*, and *Gardner* from *Fyall*. Forreign Outwards, *Welsh*, *White* and *Hobbs*, for *New-foundland*, *Rayner* for *Madera*, and Capt. *Ellery* for *Barbadoes*.

Marblehead, *Sept.* 2. Arrived here on *Thursday* last the *Arcana* Galley, [blank] *Murffee* Master, came from *London* about eight weeks ago, but last from *Plymouth* about six weeks Passage.

Advertisement

A Negro Man Slave to be Sold by Capt. *Wentworth Paxton*, and to be seen at his House in *Boston*.

A. E. Numb. 21.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 4. to Monday September 11. 1704.

NY—AS

[IN this issue are three and a half columns of foreign news. Letters from Rome, Hague, Ratisbon and Hamburg treat of the war, and particularly of affairs in Poland. There is the address to the queen, of the bishop, dean and chapter, and the clergy of the diocese of Chester, thanking her majesty for the provision made for the poor clergy; and also the address of the house of lords to the queen in relation to settling the succession of the crown of Scotland upon the Princess Sophia and her heirs Protestant. Only half a column is devoted to domestic news, most interesting of which is the account of the capture of a French vessel by a Maryland captain.]

Boston, Capt. *Smith* in Her Majesties Ship the *Gosport* will Sail

for *England* again on the 1st of *October*, with what Ships are ready under his Convoy.

Entered Outward bound, *Bucklin* for *Suranam*, *Peacock* for *Jamaica*, *Pitts* for *Antigua*, *Mould* and *Perkins* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Inwards, *Walter & Tiller* from *New-York* & *Holt* from *Saybrook*. Coasters Outwards, *Wyar & Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Snow* and *Allen* for *Connecticut*. Forreign Inwards, *Tomlin* from *Compeche*, *Brown* from *Madera*, and *Lanyon* from *North Carolina*. Forreign Outwards, *Holland* for *Maryland*, *Jacobs* for *Bristol*, *Selley* for *North-Carolina*, *Wyar Dutch*, and *Lasenby* for *Barbadoes*.

Philadelphia, *August* 29. By some Gentlemen arrived here last Week from *Maryland*, we have the following Account, That some few days before they came away, one *Richard Johnson* arrived at *Anapolis*, who last Spring in a Brigantine coming from *Barbadoes* bound for *Maryland* (where he belong'd to) was taken by a *French* Privateer and carried to *Martinico*. After he had been there some time, a Fleet sayling thence for *France* under a Convoy, They put said *Johnson*, another *Englishman* and a Boy on Board of one of the *Merchant* men in order to be carried to *France;* On board of said Ship there was also 9 or 10 *French* men. On their Voyage, said Ship was separated from the rest of the Fleet, which put the Prisoners on Consultation how to procure their liberty; in order to which, observing the Carpenters Chest stood upon the Deck, they took their opportunity and went to it, Mr. *Johnson* took out of it an agur Shank 4 foot long, the other Prisoner an Ax, and Mr. *Johnson* with his Instrument Knockt the *French* Captain on the Head, and threw him Overboard, after some small resistance made, the *French* men ran all between Decks, and cryed for Quarter, which Mr. *Johnson* gave them, none being killed but the Captain, the rest being 8 or 9 they brought with the Ship to *Anapolis*. The Prize is mostly loaden with Sugar and Ginger.

His Excellency Col. *Nicholson* Governour of *Virginia* arrived here this day. The Briganteen *Robert* and *Benjamin*, *John Guy* Commander is Loading for *London*, expects to Sail within a month.

N. York, *Sept.* 4. On the 29. last His Excellency the Ld *Cornbury* went for his Government of *New-Jersey*, and Arrived at *Burlington* on the 31. where his Excellency Col. *Nicholson* Governour of *Virginia* met him. On the 2d Instant was burryed the Reverend Mr *Prevet*, Minister of the French Congregation in this City; he was a Person of Eminent Piety, Vertue and Learning, who's loss is much Lamented

by all good men that knew him.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. Numb. 22

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 11. to Monday September 18. 1704.

NY—AS

[THIS issue begins with the address of the English house of lords to the queen, and her majesty's answer, under date St. James, March 31, 1704. From Edinburgh, April 1, is a report of the proceedings of the general assembly of the church of Scotland. From Hague, Turin and Vienna are reports of military movements. Under the Boston heading reports of the treaty between England and Algiers, the victory of the duke of Marlborough over the Bavarian forces at Schellenberg, a victory of the Portuguese forces over the duke of Anjou and the payment of ransom money by the cities of Bruges and Ghent are given; and it is added, "And of all abovesaid, We shall endeavor afterwards to give a more fuller account."]

Boston, By a Letter to His Excellency our Governour of the 4th. of *March* last, from His Royal Highness Prince *George* of *Denmark*, Ld. High Admiral of *England &c.* Importing a Treaty lately concluded with *Algiers* by Rear Admiral *Bings*, One Article whereof is, That Certificate be given by the Governour of Her Majesties Plantations in *America, &c.* to the Masters of Merchant Ships built in the Plantations, and such Prizes as shall be taken. Which Letter His Excellency Communicated in Council the 14th. Instant, ordering the same to be made Publick, That all Masters of Ships and Vessels bound to any part of *Europe*, attend His Excellency for such Certificate Accordingly.

Entered Outward, *Adolph* for *N. York*, *Deverne* and *Vincent* for *Virginia*. Coasters, Inwards *Phenix* from *N. York*, *Darby* from *Pensilvania*, *Lewis* from *Saybrook*, *Hall* from *N. Haven*. Coasters Outward, *Walters* for *N. York*, and *Vial* for *Pensilvania*. Forreign Inwards, *Carter* from *Nevis*, and *Bevis* from *Exon*. Forreign Outwards, *Andrews* and *Webber* for *Barbado's*, *Peacock* and *Vial* for *Jamaica*.

Philadelphia, Sept. 7. A Sloop from *Barbadoes* is arrived here, she put out to Sea by bad Weather, and left the Island the 26 of *July:* The Fleet for the Main were ready to Sail, and only waited

for the Man of Wars coming in for their Convoy, *Codman* and *Cornish* are arrived here from *Boston*.

New-York, *Sept.* 11. Last week came in a Sloop from *Sandyhook*, & by her not coming up we were jealous of her being a *French* Privateer, and by direction of the Council, Capt *Rogers* Commander of the *Jersey* put 100 able men on board a Briganteen which was bound to *Suranam*, with hay on her quarter for a decoy; but she coming near the Sloop most of the men run ashore: The Sloop is a Prize of Capt. *Tongerlows*, she has nothing on board but about 600 of Cocoa, 40 barrels of Flower, and a few Hides.

Ipswich, *Sept.* 16. On *Thursday* last, Dyed the Rd. Mr. *William Hubbard*, Minister of the Gospel, Aged 83 Years. One of the first that took his Degree at *Cambr.* in *N. England.* [47]

Advertisement

LOst on *Tuesday* last the 12 Instant at *Boston*, a small Guinea Dear's foot Tipt with Gold; whosoever shall find the same and bring it unto *John Campbell* Post-Master shall be sufficiently rewarded.

N. E. Numb. 23.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 18. to Monday September 25. 1704.

NY—AS

[WITH the exception of four short items of domestic news, the two pages of this issue are filled with reports of foreign affairs, for the most part relating to military movements on the continent of Europe. From Rome for the month of May, 1704, are reports of affairs at the Vatican.]

Boston, Entered Outward bound, *Norris* for *Montserat*, and *Richards* for *Jamaica*. Coasters Inwards, *Wells*, from *Guilford*, *Eliot*, *Plaine* and *Plumbe* from *Milford*, *Smith*, *Harris* and *Curtis* from *Saybrook*, and *Odiorne* from *Piscataqua*. Outward, *Gardner* for *Nantucket*, *Loring* for *Martha's Vineyard* and *Connecticut*, *Adolph* and *Van Newenhusen* for *New-York*.

Philadelphia, *September* 14. Four days ago arrived here *Parker*

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47 Author of the Narrative of the Troubles with the Indians in New England from Its Planting of thereof in 1607, but chiefly of the late Troubles in the Two Last Years, 1675 and 1676, to which is added a Discourse about the War with the Pequots in 1637. Also of the History of New England to 1680. See Diary of Samuel Sewall Vol. II, p. 116, under date Thorsday, 7ᵗ 14th [1704].

from *Boston*, Mr. *Guy* in the *Briganteen* for *London* is near Loaden. Governour *Nicholson* sets out to morrow for *Virginia.*

New-York, *Sept.* 18. On the 16th: dyed *Matthew Ling* Esqr. one of Her Majesties Council for this Province. The *Jersey* Man of War Sails for *England* the 8th of *October.* Three Vessels from hence takes the benefit of her Convoy, *viz. Jeffers*, *Law* and *Coward* for *London.*

Rhode-Island, *Sept.* 22. This day arrived one *Brown* in a Sloop from *Fyall*, seven weeks passage, in whom came a Passenger that was at *Lisbon:* [Foreign news item follows.]

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. Numb. 24.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 25. to Monday October 2. 1704.

NY—AS

[IN three columns and a half of this issue are advices from Venice, Turin, Poland, Vienna and Portugal for the month of May, 1704, all relating to the war on the continent. There is a half column of domestic news.]

Boston, From *Barbadoes* we are acquainted, that *Noyce*, *Andrews*, *Bridgham*, *Barns* were taken by the *French*, and 'tis feared that Mr. *Shearburn* also is taken, *Bears* taken coming from *Suranam*, *Rows & Foster* not Arrived, *Cravat* & *Scot* both arrived there. Several Vessels came out from *Barbadoes* in Company with ours that are arrived; Two of them for *New-York*, and several for *Philadelphia.*

Entered Outwards, *Darby* for *Jersey*, *Hoddy* for *Jamaica*, *Leach* for *Nevis*, *Sunderland* for *Barbadoes*, and *Turell* for *London*, Coasters Inwards, *Ware & Jackson* from *Piscataqua*, & *Newenhusen* from *N-York.* Coasters Outwards, *Hall & Holt* for *Connecticut*, *Halsy* for N. *York.* Foreign Inwards, *Cushing* from *Virginia*, *Pickman* from *Fyall*, *Wilson* and *Charnock* from *Barbadoes.*

Amboy, *Sept.* 23. On the 16th Instant dyed at *Burlington*, Capt. *Samuel Walker* Esq. One of Her Majesties Council for this Province.

New-York, *Sept.* 25. On the 21, & the 22d. Arrived here 2 Sloops from *Curacoa*, *Daniel Dunskum & Rich. Creago* Masters, about 5 weeks passage, *Myn Heer Beck* was arrived there Governour from *Holland*, & in his passage took a *French* Privateer & a *French*

Vessel bound from the *Streights* to *France*, and brought them into *Curacoa*.

Col. *Townsend* & *John Leveret* Esqrs. Arrived here last week from *Rhode-Island*, & on *Fryday* last they sayled for *Albany*.[48]

The *Pensilvania* Post is Arrived, his Excel. the Ld. *Cornbury* has been at *Salem* & *New-Castle;* & was just arrived at *Burlington* when the Post came away, there is no News that way.

Piscataqua Sep. 28. Yesterday arrived here Cap. *Geerish* from *Lisbon* and *Fyall*, has on board about 80 pipes of Wine and 1000 Hogsheads of Salt.

Cape-Anne Sep. 29. This day arrived here Capt. *Alcock* from *Barbadoes*. And *Frost* for *Piscataqua* came out in Company with him.

Advertisement

THere is a Negro man taken up supposed to be Runaway from his Master, he is small boned, middle stature, small beard, gray Jacket, grey homespun kersey breeches, a Souldier's cap, no stockings, an old pair of shoes, calls himself *Sambo*, for paying the Postmaster for this Advertisement, the Owner may be informed where he is, and also upon paying the charge and reward for taking him up, may have said Negro again.

N. E. Numb. 25.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday October 2. to Monday October 9. 1704.

NY—AS

[A COLUMN and a half on the first page of this issue is taken up with "*Advice from* London *concerning the* Camisars *in the* Cevennes *for the Month of* May, 1704." Following are advices, concerning the war, from Holland and the Netherlands, Venice and Riga for the month of May preceding, from Amsterdam and Turin for June, and from Lisbon under date of August 30. Nearly all the second column on the second page is devoted to domestic news.]

Boston, Entered Outward bound, *Ruggles* for *Barbadoes*, *Coffin*

48 Colonel Penn Townsend and John Leverett, Esq., commissioners from Massachusetts to treat with the Five Nations. Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , together with later items [see News-Letter Nos. 25, 26, 27, 29 *post*] bearing on this matter, Vol. VIII, p. 453.

for *Antigua*, and *Thomas* for *Suranam*. Coasters Outwards, *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Newenhussen*, *Tiller* and *Phenix* for *New-York*. Forreign Inwards, *Smith* and *Alcock* from *Barbadoes*, *Green* from *Newfoundland*, *Cally* from *Fyall*, and *Moor* from *Lisbon*. Outwards Cleared, *Bridgar* for *Antigua*, *Watson*, *Perkins* and *Eyre* for *Barbadoes*, *David Mason* for *London*, and *Beavis* for *Exon*.

S. Johns New-foundland, *Sept.* 21. On the 18th of *August* last, about 144 *French* and *Canada* Indians about 2 a Clock in the Morning in 2 Sloops and Canoo's, came to *Bonavist* Harbour, about 30 Leagues to the Northward of this Place, and surprised the *Pembrook* Galley of *London*, 250 Tons, 44 men and 20 Guns, *John Noll* Commander, Laden with dry Fish: And the Society of *Pool*, 140 Tons, 14 Guns and 24 men, Capt. *Auten* Commander, and also the *William*, about 115 Tons, 10 men, no Guns, having 30 Tons of Lamp Oyl on Board; They also attempted to surprize Captain *Michael Gill* of *Charlstown* in *New-England*, of 14 Guns, and 24 men, who discovering their Boat to be *French*, fired briskly upon them, kill'd and wounded some of them, so that they returned to the Prizes they had taken, & brought the great Guns of both Ships to bear upon Capt. *Gill*, and continued firing upon him with both great Shot and small Arms for the space of 6 hours, till his Ship was much Shattered: he on the other hand plying his great Guns and small Arms all the while upon them; during the Action, he had Veered his Ship somewhat to the Shoar, about 8 a Clock, when they found he would not be taken, they set fire to the *Society*, & cut her loose in a flame to drive upon him; but by the great diligence of Capt. *Gill*, he got clear of her, and she burnt to the Keel: finding that would not do, they set fire to the Ship *William*, and set her before the Wind, furiously burning to that degree, that the Lamp-Oyl burning in a flame on the Water, was like to have set him on fire, so that both he and his men laboured in the fire, and turn'd her clear of them.

And when the Inhabitants who had fled into the Woods and Rocks, saw Capt. *Gill's* Courage, they came down and appeared in a Body in Arms, which, when the the *French* saw, they immediately Weighed and set Sail, and carried the Masters and and men with them. And about 40 Leagues off, they gave the Masters and some of the men a Boat, who soon after returned, to whom the Enemy declared that had they taken Capt. *Gill*, they would not have left House, Stage, nor Goods in the Harbour; all which is owing under God to the Courage and Conduct of Capt: *Gill*. He had but one man kill'd and 3 wounded but the Enemy lost several, and several wounded.

Piscataqua, *Octob.* 5. Mr. *Pepperel* in a Ketch from *Newfoundland*, 10 days Passage arrived last night, and are acquainted by

her, That our Fleet consisting of about 70 Sail, intends to set out the 12th Currant, under Convoy of a 4th and two 5th Rates Men of War, one of them goes directly for *England*, and the other two for *Lisbon*.

New-York, *Octob.* 2. On *Saturday* last, Arrived here a Sloop from *Jamaica*, one Dupue, Master, about 7 Weeks Passage, he says a Sloop and small Ship belonging to *Boston* were there. That several Sloops were gone up on the *Spanish* Coast to Trade, but none returned. We have not heard from *Albany* since *Col. Townsend* and Mr. *Leveret* with the other Gentlemen of *Boston* went up.[49]

Advertisement

STray'd on *Monday* last, a small red Cow, with a yellow and black strip't List about her horns, a little Tet on one of her Tets. Whoever shall find said Cow, & her bring to *John Campbel* Postmaster of *Boston*, shall be well rewarded.

N. E. Numb. 26.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday October 9. to Monday October 16. 1704.

NY—AS

[IN the first column of the first page of this issue is a letter dated Zurich, June 14, "*from* one of the chief Leaders of the Camisars, to a Brother or intimate Friend of his at Genoa, by a trusty Messenger" giving an account of the condition of affairs in Languedoc. Under date Amsterdam, June 17, is a report of the movements of Jean Cavalier and the Camisars; from Rome, May 13, news of the Vatican; from Venice, June 7, and from the king of Poland's camp at Sendomir, June 20, war news. From Cologne, June 20, is a long story of how the "famous French Party-Man *La Croix*" planned to seize the duke of Saxe Zeits, bishop of Raab, and how his designs were frustrated.]

Boston, Entered Outward bound, *Henry Tew* for *Jamaica*. Coasters, Jnwards, *Jonas Green*, *Simon Grover*, *John Hedge*, *John Wilson*, *Samuel Prince* from *Connecticut*, *John Keirsted* from *New-York*, *James Robe* from *Virginia*. Coasters, Outwards, *John Lathrop* for *Rhode-Jsland*. Forreign, Inwards, *John Robinson* from *Barbados*, *Thomas Norris* from *Mounserrat*. Forreign, Outwards, *Noah Champney* for *Maryland*, *John Jenkins* for *London*.

The *Gosport* Man of War, Capt. *Smith* Commander with the Ships under his Convoy Sails for *England*, in 2 or 3 days.

Philadelphia, *Sept. 28*. Capt. *Guy* for *London* is fallen down the

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49 See News-Letter No. 24 *ante*, Nos. 26, 27, 29 *post*.

River, says will Sail directly on Saturday next. *Codman*, *Cornish* and *Parker* also fallen down the River all bound for *Boston*.

New-York, *Octob*. 9. On the 4th Instant, His Excellency, the Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from his Government of *New-Jersey:* The Assembly there are Dissolved (not having past one Act) and another Call'd to Sit the 9th of *November* next. Our Assembly here is Adjourned to *Thursday* next. Capt. *Peniston* in a Sloop with 70 men Sailed hence the 7th Currant on Privateering. The *Jersey* Man of War for *England* with the Vessels under her Convoy proposes to Sail this Week or the next. Yesterday Capt. *Sleigh* arrived from *Barbadoes*, and *Codman* from *Philadelphia*. The *Boston* Gentlemen are not yet arrived from *Albany*.[50]

Several Vessels are bound from hence to *Barbadoes*.

Advertisement.

A Convenient back-dwelling House with other Accomodations in *Pudding-Lane*[51] in *Boston* near the Post-Office, to be Lett; Inquire of *John Campbel* Post-master and know further.

N. E. Numb. 27.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday October 16. to Monday October 23. 1704.

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[FOREIGN news paragraphs under dates Vienna, Venice, Dresden, London, Hamburgh and Hague, occupy the greater part of this issue. The domestic news relates almost wholly to shipping movements.]

Boston, Entered Outward Bound, *Richard Smith*, Briganteen *Happy Return* for *London*, *Obadiah Wakfield* and *John Pitts* for *Virginia*, *Andrew Stevens* for *Antigua* Foreign Inwards, *Parker* from *Pennsilvania*, *Goddart* from *Virginia*, *Pitman* and *Hunt* from *Nevis*, *Frost* from *Barbadoes*. Coasters Inwards, *Gardner* from *Saybrook*, *Dean* from Salem. Outwards, *Plumb*, *Curtice* and *Smith* for *Connecticut*, *Harris* for *New London*, *Flood* and *Amazine* for *Piscataqua*.

Capt. *Smith* in the *Gosport* Man of War with the Vessels under his Convoy, bound for *England*, lies in *Nantasket* Road, ready to embrace the first fair wind.

Port-Royal, in *Jamaica*, *August* 24. This day week Capt. *Liddel*

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50 See News-Letter Nos. 24, 25 *ante*, 27, 29 *post*.

51 Pudding Lane: that part of the present Devonshire Street which lies between State and Water Streets.

arrived from *Porto Bello*, after about three Weeks absence upon a Trading Voyage, he has made an extraordinary hitt, was received with great Civility, and his Interpreter presented with a chain with 40 Pistoles, & when unloaden they desired him immediately to be gone off the Coast, lest he should be surprised by a French Man of War then daily expected, which he accordingly did; and in turning up saw the *French* man a going down: Capt. *Brerton* Sails within 4 days for *Pensilvania*, Capt. *Venteman* and Thacher in a Week for *Boston*, and Hull this day for *Carolina*. *Port-Royal* notwithstanding the discouragement it has met with is rebuilding apace, and may be expected in less than two years, to be in as flourishing Condition as before the Fire.

Philadelphia, Octob. 13. *Jeremiah Beale* is just now arrived from *Boston*.

New-York, Octob. 16. On the 10th. Instant, Capt. *Thaxter* arrived here in 6 weeks from *Jamaica*, by whom we have advice that several Ships were Returned from the Coast of *New-Spain* with Mony for their Provisions and had made good Voyages. On the 12th. *Roland* arrived from *St. Christophers*, and on the 13th. and 14th. *Newenhussen* and *Dawson* from *Corucoa*, but bring not any News, also Capt. *Stanton* from *Nevis*.

A Sloop arrived here from *Albany* on Friday last, the Indians were not come when they left it, and they say it would be a fortnight before the *Boston* Gentlemen would come from thence.

The *Jersey* Man of War with the Vessels under her Convoy, 'tis said will Sail on Thursday next.

Piscataqua, Octob. 19. Yesterday arrived here *Almery* from *Antigua* 7 weeks Passage, and *Parker* from said Port in five weeks, says, That the Fleet for *England* would Sail about the middle of this month. Sundry Ships not like to be Loaden, no Privateers lately seen about the *Leward-Islands*.

Advertisement

[Reprinted: house in Pudding Lane to be let, as in October 16.]

N. E. Numb. 28.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday October 23. to Monday October 30. 1704.

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[THE first half of this issue is devoted to foreign matter, mostly reports from the duke of Marlborough's camps of July dates:

the second half comprising much domestic news of exceptional importance including the speech of Governor Dudley at the opening of the General Court; reports of hostile Indians about the town of Groton; and report of the killing of the minister of Lancaster by the sentinel of the watch.]

His Excellency JOSEPH DUDLEY *Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the* Massachusetts-Bay *in* New-England, *&c His* SPEECH *to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at* Boston, October 25; 1704.

Gentlemen.

I Believe we are all sensible by this time of the benefit of the Expedition *Eastward*, in the Spring and Summer, the Effect whereof has been the quiet we have had in the Province of *Mayn*, and our other Northern Plantations; and the Care and Watchfulness we have used to the *Westward;* and the disappointment of the *French* and *Indians* at *Lancaster*, has given us the same Ease on that side; which yet we must not depend upon, but Expect a Winters March of the Enemy from both sides, which the *Eastern* part especially will be forced to for their own Subsistence, having neither Corn nor Hunting for their supply.

To prevent which, I think it necessary to Support the present numbers in the Province of *Mayn*, and the Frontiers of *Essex*, *Middlesex* and *Hampshire*, and to have a much greater Force in a readiness to receive any Impression of the Enemy in any of the Parts: And particularly to have *One hundred Men* sent to *West-Hampshire*, which joyned with the same number from *Connecticut* may be sufficient there.

I shall give you the present State of the Forces in the several Parts for this Winter Season, which I hope will be to your Satisfaction.

Mr. Treasurer will lay before you the State of your Affair's there: And I can Assure you that all possible Care has been taken in the Accompts and Musters, to Retrench the Charge, which I am sensible is heavy upon the Province: And while we are all Satisfyed in the necessity of the Service, and the just Expence of our Treasure, I doubt not but every thing will proceed cheerfully to a necessary supply, which this is the proper Season for.

I have to Recommend to you the Consideration of the Galley, which is our onely Force at Sea, and is found so very unfit for the Service, that every skilful Man of the Sea, and the good Commander we have in her, thinks it of absolute necessity that She be disposed of, and a better bought or built for that Service, especially at this time, when the *Gosport* is Commanded Home, which is the onely Ship of War, that has lately attended Her Majesties Service here.

And *Gentlemen*, I think it my Duty to offer it to you, That you will shew your Respect to Captain *Smith*, Her Majesties Commander of that Ship now going home, That he be in some manner presented by the Assembly as an Acknowledgment of his very good Service here done to Her Majesty and this Province, in a three years attendance; which will shew our just Respect to Her Majesties Officers, coming for the Service and Security of Her good Subjects, and the Trade of this Province.

Gentlemen,

I shall shew my Readiness in every thing in Her Majesties Service, Importing the benefit of this Province, and desire you will proceed in this Session with all freedom and unanimity; That We may procure the blessing of Almighty GOD, and the favour of Her most Sacred Majesty. upon whom We have our just Dependance.

Boston, On Wednesday last Arrived Capt. *John Stevins*, in about three Weeks from *Nevis;* and five Weeks from *Barbados:* He came out from *Barbados* the 18*th* of *September*, with the Fleet bound for *England*, consisting of about a hundred Saile besides those for *N. England*, *N. York*, and *Pensilvania*, which Fleet came out under Convoy of three men of War, *Viz.* The *Blackwall* Commodore, the *Millford*, and the *Dolphin;* who in and about Ten days time Arrived at *Nevis*, and were there joyned by the *Sheerness* Galley and about 70 Saile more from the *Leeward* Islands, bound to *England;* the others bound for *N. England* are *Foster*, *Breed*, *Scot*, *Dearby*, *Parker*, (who is arrived at *Tarpolin Cove*) *Carlile*, *Cravat*, *Sill*, *Love* and *Jeffrey*, which last arrived on Friday last; *Pope* for *Chebacco*, *Ransford* for *Rhode-Island*, and several for *N. York* & *Pensilvania*. *Benjamin Thaxter* bound with the Fleet from *Barbados* to *London*, was taken by a French man in coming down to the *Leeward*.

Lowder from hence to *Antigua* was taken near *Antigua*. The *Linn* Man of War took a French man of 14. Guns, and about 100. Men, whereof were about 40 Creols.

Several of our Vessels bound home to *Barbadoes* in the Latitude near the Island took Capt. *Row's* Horses on board, and mann'd him double in order to defend them from any Privateer; And accordingly one came up with them near the Island, but seeing Capt. *Rows* so well prepared for a Fight, and to defend the rest of his Neighbours, the Privateer sheer'd off, and they got safe in.

On *Thursday* last at noon Sailed from *Nantasket* Road for *England*, The *Gosport* Man of War, Capt. *Smith* Commander with five Vessels under his Convoy. That night about three a Clock in the morning broke out a Fire in the House of Mr. *Henchman* Schoolmaster in the

Back-street[52] at the upper-end of Mr. *Richards'* Lane in the *North-End* of *Boston;* which was happily put out and stopt from doing any other damage only to that house and the next adjoyning, two or three persons received some great hurt by the falling down of part of the gable end of the House in which the Fire begun. On Fryday last His Excellency issued forth a Proclamation Commanding all persons who in the hurry of the Fire had carried away any Goods, either from the house where the Fire broke out in, or the Neighbourhood; to bring said Goods to the house of Mr. Justice *Clark* in *Boston*, that the true Owners may have the same again; on penalty of being prosecuted as Thieves.

On *Wednesday* night an English man was kill'd in the Woods at *Groton* by the Indians which were afterwards descryed in the night by the Light of their Fires, by a Person Travailing from *Groton* to *Lancaster*, and judged they might be about Thirty in number; pursuit was made after them, but none could be found.

On *Thursday* night the *Reverend* Mr. *Gardner*, Minister of *Lancaster* was unfortunately Shot by the Sentinel on the Watch, supposing him to be an Indian climbing over the Walls of the Fortification; of which Wound he dyed in an hours space or little more.[53]

Entered Outward bound, *Wing* for *Jamaica*, *Cusben* for *Maryland*, *Bodwin* for *Curacoa*, and *Keirsteed* for *N. York*. Forreign Inwards, *Codman* from *Pensilvania*, *Reddock* from St. *Christophers*, *Marshal* from *Maryland*, *Hart* and *Alden* from *Nevis*, *Skiner*, *Perkins*, *Stevins* and *Jeffry* from *Barbadoes*, *English* from *Antigua*, and *Craige* from *Coratuk*. Forreign Outwards, *Doverin* for *Virginia*, *Collar* for *Antigua* and *Parker* for *Pensilvania*. Coasters Inwards, *Blin* from *Gilford*, *Jackson* from *Piscataqua*, and *Sanders* and *Bedgood* from *North Carolina*.

Philadelphia, *Octob.* 20. A Sloop from St. *Christophers* about 5 weeks passage, one *Matthew Gibson* Master, arrived here 4 days since, he was bound for *Boston*, but proving very Leaky put in here. And on the 18th a Sloop from *Barbadoes* about 29 days passage, one *Prat* Master, came out with the Fleet bound for *England*.

New York, *Octob.* 23*d*. On the 19*th*. Arrived here one *Bignal* of *Philadelphia* in 26 days from *Jamaica*, by whom we have advice, that Capt. *Manny* belonging to this place, was cast away in his coming out, upon *Porto Morant* Keys, the men all Saved. Capt. *Guy* from *Philadelphia* arrived here the same day in order to join the Convoy of the Jersey Man of War for *England*, who will Sail

52 Back Street: that part of the present Salem Street which lies between Hanover and Prince Streets.

53 See News-Letter No. 31 *post*.

the latter end of this, or beginning of the next week. Our Assembly has voted 1300*l* for the Frontiers. Outward bound *De Wandelaer* for *Jamaica*, *Rowe* for *Nevis*, *Beard* for *Carolina*.

Rhode-Island, *Octob.* 27. *Moses Butterworth* is arrived from *Barbadoes*, came out with the Fleet for *England*, and one *Hubbard* from *Antigua*, Capt. *Lawrence* is also arrived, and has took 2 Prizes on the Banks of *Newfoundland*, Loaden with Corr Fish, the one a Pink of 130 Tons, the other a square Starn 240 Tons, but neither yet arrived. . Outward bound *William Wanton* for *Antigua*, *Joseph Borden for Pensilvania*, Capt. *Cranston* clears for *Barbadoes*

Salem, *Octob.* 28: Last night arrived *Richard Darby* from *Barbadoes*, came out with the Fleet for *England*, Capt. *Scot* is also arrived from thence at *Marblehead*.

[No advertisements in this number.]

N. E. Numb. 29.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday October 30. to Monday November 6. 1704.

MH—AS—NY

[FOREIGN matters occupy only three-quarters of the first page. These embrace, under dates *Frankfort*, *July* 6, *London July* 11, accounts of the celebration of the "great victory lately obtained by the Confederate Army commanded by the duke of *Marlborough*, over the elector of *Bavarias* Forces at Schellenberg;" also addresses presented to the queen from "the Bishop Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church, and of the Archdeacons and Parochial Clergy of the Diocese of *Chichester*," and of the "Bishop Dean and Chapter of *Hereford*, and Clergy of the Diocese of *Hereford*." The domestic news includes a proclamation by the lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania against "Immorality and Prophaneness." A Cambridge item reports an exciting fire at Harvard College.]

By the Honourable Colonel *John Evans*, Lieutenant Governour of the Province of *Pensilvania*, and Counties annexed. A PROCLAMATION, *Against*

IMMORALITY and *PROPHANENESS*.

WHereas it hath pleased Almighty God, from the Treasures of his Infinite Goodness, to extend his favours in an eminent degree, and pour down his peculiar Blessings upon this Colony, from the first Erecting thereof; as well by the bestowing a happy success on the Endeavours of its Inhabitants, and crowning what so lately was a Wilderness, with a large Affluence of the Necessaries and Comforts

of Life; as by supporting it, in an undisturbed Peace and Tranquility during all the Commotions that have deeply afflicted other parts of the Christian World, and continuing to us the Enjoyment of those manifold Mercies, which rightly used, tend to make a People truly happy. All which Divine Bounties, as they loudly call for the most humble and hearty Acknowledgements; so they ought more deeply to impress a just sense of the great Obligations upon us, so to regulate our Lives, with care and circumspection, in a true Obedience and Conformity to God's holy Laws, that we may not instead of making grateful Returns, by Impiety or Negligence, provoke the just Anger of the Almighty, to withdraw his Divine Protection, and inflict on us the severe Chastisements of his just Displeasure. Notwithstanding all which, I cannot but be sensible, that too many, forgetting all those Obligations, that as persons professing the Holy Christian Religion, they indispensably lye under, have given themselves a Loose in their Lives and Conversations, and manifestly trampled on their positive known Duties, in many vicious Practices and Immoralities, to the great Offence of Almighty God, in the breach of his Divine Laws, as well as of our Civil Institutions, and to the scandal of sober Men, & great Discredit of this Government: Which Practice, if not timely prevented, may terminate in an utter Depravation of Manners, through the Encouragement taken from those fatal and pernicious Examples, by persons whose better Education and Inclinations might otherwise have restrained them, within the Bounds of Sobriety and Vertue; but from those many Instances set before their Eyes, are in danger of being hurried on, not only to their own Ruine, but of becoming Accessary to the incensing & drawing down upon us the Vengeance of Heaven.

In a deep Consideration of which, and to the end that all possible Discouragements may be given to the Growth of these Enormities; I have through a sense of the Duty I owe to God, and the care of the People committed to my Charge: By and with the Advice and Consent of the Council of this Province, and Territories, thought fit to Publish and Declare, That I will Discountenance and severely Punish all manner of Vice, Immorality and Prophaneness, in all persons whatsoever, within this Government, that shall be guilty of the same. And I do hereby strictly forbid all manner of Debauchery, Lewdness, Drunkenness, prophane Swearing, Cursing, Rioting, breaking of the Sabbath, Night-walking at unseasonable hours, without lawful Business, and all other Disorders whatsoever that are contrary to the Duties of a Christian Life, & the Rules of true Vertue. And I do strictly Command and Require all Magistrates, Justices, Sheriffs, Constables and all Officers whosoever, and others Her Majesties good Subjects, that they not only be regular and

circumspect in their own Lives, that by their good Examples, they may incite those that behold them to the practice of Vertue, but also that they be very diligent in the Discovery and effectual Prosecution of all Offenders, and that they rigorously put in Execution all the good and wholesome Laws and Ordinances provided against the aforesaid, and such other Immoralities, without favour, partiality or affection to any person whatsoever, as they will answer it to Almighty God, and incur my utmost Displeasure.

And for the more effectual Publication hereof, I do Require and Command the Justices of Quarter Sessions at their respective County Courts in this Government, & the Mayor and Recorder of the City *Philadelphia*, that they cause this my Proclamation to be publickly read in open Court, immediately after their Charge is given to the Grand-Jury.

Also that the Ministers of the Churches, and several Congregations within this Province and Territories, cause the same to be Read in the time of Divine Service, at their respective places of Worship, at least six times in every Year. And that they be very diligent in Discouraging all manner of Vice and Immoralities in their Auditors, in Exhorting them to the Exercise of Piety and Virtue.

Given at *Philadelphia* the Ninth Day of *October*, in the third Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady *ANN*, by the Grace of God, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* And the twenty fourth of the Proprietaries Government, *Annoque Domini*, 1704.

John Evans

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Boston, Entered Outward Bound, *Tobias Green* in the *Mayflower*, and *Nicholas Parker* in the *Elizabeth* for *Jamaica*. Forreign Inwards, *Joshua Cornish* in the *Unity*, from *Pensilvania*, *Moses Sweet* in the *Tryal*, and *Moses Abbot* in the *Tryal* from *Coratuck*, *Nicholas Parker* in the *Elizabeth*, and *John Scot* in the *Unity* from *Barbadoes*. Forreign Outwards, *Nicholas Thomas Jones's* Sloop *Speedwell* for *Pensilvania*, and *Peter Leach* in the *Prudent Sarah* for *Nevis*. Coasters Outwards Cleared, *John Keirsteed* in the *Mary* and *Sarah* for *New-York*, *John Jackson* in the *Speedwell* for *Piscataqua*, and *Simon Grover* in the *Primrose* for *Connecticut*.

On *Fryday* night the 3d Currant returned from *Albany*, the Honourable Colonel *Penn Townsend*, and *John Leveret* Esqrs. Commissioners for a Treaty with the 5 Nations, with the other Gentlemen that accompanied them, all in good health, who have renewed the ancient Friendship with them.[54]

54 See News-Letter Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27 *ante*.

On *Saturday* arrived Capt. *John Foster*, *Breed & Carlile* from *Barbadoes*, and *Gould* from *Newfoundland*. Which last says, that the Fleet from thence to *England*, consisting of about 60 Sail, under Convoy of three Men of War, Sailed this day three weeks. This day also arrived Capt. *Ventiman* from *Jamaica* in about 5 weeks Passage, says, That *Judah Thacher* Sailed from thence for this place about nine weeks ago, who is not yet arrived.

Marlborough, *Octob.* 26. Yesterday the Reverend Mr. *Robert Breck* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place.

Cambridge, Octob. 29. About 11 of the Clock in the morning[55] there happened a Fire in *Harvard Colledge* occasioned by a foul Chimney which took fire, and the soot being blown into the Pelfrey, fired some old Boards, and melted the Lead (wherewith the Colledge was covered) and then Fired the Planks; but one of the Tutors having the Key of the Scuttle which was lockt and barr'd was absent, wherefore 2 of the Students putting their backs to the Scuttle, forced it open, and threw water briskly, so that they quickly extinguisht the Fire, which otherwise had been of very ill consequence.

Piscataqua, *Novemb.* 2. On *Monday* the 30th last about break of day, the House of the Reverend Mr. *Nathaniel Rogers*, Minister of *Portsmouth*, was burnt to the Ground in a few minutes, his youngest Child, and a Negro Woman of Mrs. *Elatsons*, his Mother-in-law, consumed in the Flames, nothing saved but himself, his Wife, Mother-in-law, two Children, and the Servant-Maid, as they got out of Bed without Cloaths; Mrs *Elatson* saved the eldest Child by throwing him out of a Chamber Window into his Fathers Arms, and immediately thereafter Mr. *Rogers* got a Ladder for his Mother-in-law, and so got her out at the Window, who is much burned in her Legs & Arms, but think not dangerous to life. None can tell how this Fire came, most probably it began in their Kitchen; the Fire was so violent by reason of the high Wind, that had there been never so many People to quench it, and help to save the Goods, 'twere impossible to save anything.

Philadelphia, *Octob.* 27. On the 22d arrived here a Sloop from *Carolina*, *Robert Wright* Master, says, That a Flag of Truce was returned from St. *Augusteen*, was bound in over the Bar as he came out, but he could not speak with them, so knows not what News they bring.

On the 24. Arrived Capt *Terril* in a Brigantine from *Barbadoes*, carries 8 Guns, he came out in Company with the Fleet, with whom

55 The word "morning" crossed out in the copy in the file of the Massachusetts Historical Society and "night" written over it.

also came out 2 new Sloops belonging to this place, whereof *Hamerton* and *Wilson* Masters; who when the Fleet came to *Antigua* in the evening after they arrived, left them in order to make the best of their way, but next morning was in sight of a Snow, Captain *Lambard* Commander, being little Wind, with Rowing soon came up with them and took them both, and carried them in to St. *Bartholomews*, where was a Dutch Sloop with a *Dane's* Pass or Commission from St. *Thomas's*, a Merchant on Board bought *Wilson's* Sloop for 3500 Pieces of Eight, to be paid at St. *Thomas's*, *Hamerton's* Sloop, *Lambard* designs to go in himself; they were both excellent Sailors.

Several of the Passengers were put aboart *Wilson's* Sloop which was sent from St. *Bartholomews* to *Stacy*, from whence they got a Passage to St. *Christophers*, where they met with the Fleet again, and got a Passage on Board the above Brigantine hither.

Capt. *Henry Tregany* Dyed the last night.

An Act is past in *Maryland* for prohibiting the Importation of Bread, Beer, Flower, Malt, Wheat, or other English or Indian Grain or Meal, Horses, Mares, Colts or Filleys, or Tobacco from *Pensilvania*, and the Territories thereto belonging, under Forfeiture of the whole.

Rhode-Island, *Nov.* 3. There is one of Capt. *Lawrenc's* Prizes arrived, and this day came in Capt. *John Halsey* from *Boston*.

New-York, *Octob.* 30. The *Jersey* Man of War, with the Vessels under her Convoy for *England* will not Sail till the latter end of the Week.

Advertisement.

A Negro Woman Slave about 22 years of Age, to be Sold by Mr. *Nicholas Boone* Bookseller, and to be seen at the *London Coffee*-House, next door to the Post-Office, in *Boston*.

A. E. Numb. 30.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday November 6. to Monday November 13. 1704.

NY—AS

[LORD Cornbury's address to the General Assembly of the province of New York begins the first column of the first page. Following this is news from Lisbon concerning the armies of the allies in Italy, Hungary, Flanders and elsewhere. Domestic news fills nearly three columns. It includes, besides the address of Lord Cornbury, a proclamation by Governor Dudley for a General Thanksgiving, and an interesting variety of marine news.]

His Excellency *Edward* Viscount *Cornbury*, Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Colony of *New-York*, and Territories depending thereon, *&c* His Speech to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Assembly, now Sitting in the City of *New-York*, upon *Thursday* the 12th of *October*, 1704.[56]

Gentlemen,

THE Assembly of *New-Jersey* having detained me some days longer than at first I intended, & the season of the year being so far advanced, are the Reasons which induce me to recommend to your Considerations for this Session, as few things as may be; and indeed the two chief things which I most earnestly recommend to you to be provided for at this time, are, The low Condition of the Revenue, and the Defence of the Fronteers.

I did in *June* last, recommend to you, *Gentlemen of the House of Representatives*, to lay an Additional Duty on certain Commodities, which had been granted by a former Assembly of this Province, but expired. When I recommended that to you, I did it as a thing which in my Judgment would in some measure help the Revenue, without being any burthen upon the People. Some Gentlemen were then of Opinion, that such an Additional Duty would be a Clog upon the Trade of this Place; if they have taken the pains to inquire into that matter, I don't question but they will be of another mind, for my part, I did inquire of some of the most considerable Merchants of this City, who told me that such a Duty would have been rather a help, than a hindrance or clog to the Trade of this Place, being well perswaded that those Gentlemen were right in their Opinions. I once more recommend the consideration of such a Duty to you, or else that you will consider of some other method to enable her most Sacred Majesty the Queen, to support the necessary Charges of the Government, which the present Revenue will not do. The next thing is the Defence of the Fronteers of this Province, in order to that I did in *July* last order a Detachment of an hundred men out of the Militia for that Service, the greatest part of that number did go up to *Albany*, and have been posted in the places most convenient for the Defence of the Country, which has kept us quiet this Summer; I think they ought to be kept there till the last day of *March* next, at least, and that some Out-Scouts should be raised for this Winter; I therefore recommend it to you, *Gentlemen of the House of Representatives*, to prepare such a Bill as may raise a Sum sufficient for the paying

56 In Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, Vol. I, p. 192.

the men that have been sent up, and for the Out-Scouts, with such contingent Charges as may be necessary for their going to *Albany*, and returning home again If there is any thing else that may be reasonable to be Enacted at this time, you shall find me ready to embrace all occasions of doing such things as may be for the good of her Majesty's Subjects in this Colony. I have nothing farther to recommend to you at this time, but Unanimity in your Consultations, and dispatch in the Matters before you.

Lisbon, August 30. . . . we hear the *French* have taken the *Coventry* bound for *Virginia* and *Newfoundland*, and 4 or 5 Merchant Ships under her Convoy.

Madera, September 28. A Sloop from *Philadelphia, William Wade* Master, arrived here about a Week ago, who the day before she arrived, met with 2 Sally Men of War in sight of the Island, who pretended a great deal of friendship for the *English*, and were so kind as that they took only some odd things from them. They also told Mr. *Wade*, That an *English* Man of War, of about 40 Guns they met with in the *Streights* told them, That our Fleet had lately burnt and destroyed ten, and taken five Capital French Men of War in the *Streights*.

Barbadoes, September 14. His Excellency our Governour has issued forth a Proclamation Commanding and Requiring all Masters of Vessels during the War, that they should keep all their Letters in a Bag with weights to them, that in case they should meet with, or be Pursued by an Enemy, they might have them in a readiness to sink them; on forfeiture of a certain Sum in case they did not. Which Proclamation was ordered to be Read in all the Parish Churches of the Island.

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY*, Esq[r] Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay, &c.* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION for a General THANKSGIVING.[57]

W*Hereas it has pleased Almighty GOD to Prosper the Armes of Her Sacred Majesty and Her Allies, with Victory over their Enemies in the Summer past; And of His Infinite Goodness to extend His Favours towards this Province in divers signal Instances thereof; In def[e]ating and disappointing of the Combinations, and the Expeditions of the Enemy against us, And the good Success given us against them, by delivering so many of them into our hands; In Granting us a good* Harvest, *notwithstanding the Drought, which so much threatned*

57 Reprinted from the News-Letter, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 419.

us; In continuing Health *in the midst of us; And the* Priviledges *and* Advantages *of* Religion; *Every of which undeserved Mercies demand most Grateful Returns to Him who is our great Benefactor.*

I do therefore, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the desire of the Representatives, Order and Appoint *Thursday* the *Twenty-third* of this present *November*, A Day of General *THANKSGIVING* throughout this Province, Inhibiting all Servile Labour thereupon; And Exhorting both Ministers and People in their respective Congregations and Assemblies, to Celebrate the Praises of GOD, for all His Benefits and Blessings, And to devote themselves a Thank-Offering to Him in a right Ordered Conversation.

Given at the Council Chamber in Boston *the Eighth Day of* November, 1704. *In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady* ANNE, *by the Grace of God of* England, Scotland, France and Ireland. *Queen, Defender of the Faith,* &c:

By Order of the Governour
and Council. *J. DUDLEY,*
Jsaac Addington Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Boston, Entered Outward Bound, *William Goddard* in Sloop *Speedwell*, and *James Updick* in Sloop *Elizabeth*, for *Madera*, *Daniel Marshal* in Sloop *Mary*, & *John Ventiman* in *Martha* and *Elizabeth* for *Jamaica*, *Joseph Dean* in *Briganteen Dragon* for *Surranam*, *Thomas Ball* Sloop *Elizabeth* for *Montserrat*, *John Foster*, Ship *Sarah*, *Newcomb Blague*, Ship *Friendship*, *John Carlile*, Brigantine *Swan*, *John Robinson*, Brigantine *Dragon*, *William Skinner*, Sloop Dove, and *Thomas Barns* in Sloop *Endeavour* for *Barbadoes*, Coasters Inwards, *Carteret Gillam* Sloop *Tryal*, and *Richard Hall* in *Sloop Lyon* from *Saybrook*. Coasters Outwards, *Samuel Prince* Sloop *Adventure* for *Milford*, and *Jacob Parker*, Sloop *Endeavour* for Piscataqua. Forreign Inwards, *John Love*, Sloop *Dolphin*, and *Ezekiel Cravate*, Ketch *Dolphin* from *Barbadoes*, and *Peter Coffin*, Ship *Pelican* from *Madera*. Forreign Cleared Outwards, *John Hoddy* for *Jamaica*, *John Tucker*, Briganteen *Sarah* for *Barbadoes*, *Jonathan Evans*, *Providence Galley* for *Fyall*, *Thomas Ball* Sloop *Elizabeth*, and *William Cook*, Briganteen *Defiance* for *Montserrat*.

It's said, There are some Horses, Barrels and Lumber come on Shoar at *Nantucket* from some Vessel lately Cast away.

Tisbury, on *Martha's Vineyard*, *Nov.* 6 1704. The Reverend M. *Josiah Torrey* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, upon Wednesday, the 18. of *October* last.

New-York, *October* 6th. 1704. On *Saturday* last arrived here a Sloop from *Curacoa*, *Andrew John* Master, in a Month, and brings

Who took all their bagg & baggage ye Govern. plate & big pound of Gold dust At theire return back to ye fortification they found 3000. Spanish Souldiers landed wth ix. Saile of Ships of war who say two moneth of ye harbers mouth to prevent provisions Coming to their relief. There people being most of them Sick & their want of provisions forced them to Surrender on Articles Viz. That they Should depart wth all they had & if any of their Ships Should come wth in 6. moneth they Should have wood & water & depart in peace.

One Capt. Tho. Drummond one of ye former Council in a Small Ship of 6 guns & 12 men met wth a Spanish man of war of 20 guns ingaged for four howers & fought his way thro ye Fleet & got in to Callidonia being loden wth provisions but ye Fourt was Surrendred before he Came This is ye Substance of wt offers from

Your honours

most humble

Servant

Duncan Campbell

After pursual I beg ye hon. favour to Send it to ye postmaster mr Chandler

AUTOGRAPH LETTER OF DUNCAN CAMPBELL

Brother of John Campbell, founder of the first established American newspaper, 1704, sometime postmaster of Boston, and one of the writers of the Campbell manuscript news-letters

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News that 10 *French* Men of War, and two Bomb Vessels were expected at *Martinico*, commanded by Monsieur *De Caese* [*Du Casse*], and that two light Frigots of the ten were already Arrived there. That the Governour of *Curacoa* has ordered all the Inhabitants of that Island to be provided with Water for three Months.

Capt. *Tongerlou* is coming hither a Passenger in Captain *Basset.* Capt. *Stephens* who was Commander and part Owner of his Privateer Sloop is got to *Curacoa*, and has taken Possession of her.

The *Jersey* and the Vessels under her Convoy lye at *Jacques* Bay, the Captain and Passengers are going on Board this day and will Sail with the first fair Wind. Our Assembly is just now Dissolved.

His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* designs for his Government of *New-Jersey* to morrow morning.

Capt. *Morrison* came from St *Thomas* the first of *October*, Capt. *Eliot* in a Ketch from *Boston* was arrived and was to Sail a few days after him. *Laroux* was last week Tryed for *Pyracy*, and acquitted, three Evidences *viva voce* proving him to be *born* in *France.*

Rhode-Island, *November* 10. There is arrived here one *Harris* from *Antigua*, bound to *Boston*, as also *Robert Smith* in the Brigantine *Dragon* six weeks passage.

Yesterday the Court of Admiralty was held here for the Condemnation of Capt. *Laurence's* Prize, and she was Condemned; And on *Wednesday* the 22d Currant will be exposed to Sale, together with all her Guns, Rigging, Ammunition and furniture; As also her Loading of Mud Fish and Salt: The Ship is about 120 Tons, 8 Guns; An Inventory of which will be seen at Mr *William Bright's* house in *Newport.*

Advertisements.

STollen on *Saturday* the 4th Currant, from Mrs *Susanna Campbell* Widow[58] in *Boston*, a Silver Tankard, that holds about two Wine quarts, has Sir *Robert Robinson's* Coat of Arms engraven on the fore-part of it, wherein are three Ships, and the Motto in Latin. Who[soe]ver can give any true Intelligence of the same, so as that the Owner may have it again, shall be sufficiently rewarded.

RAN-away on Wednesday last, the 8*th.* Currant from his *Master* in *Boston*, a Sirranam Indian *M*anslave, named *Prince*, aged about fourteen years old, black short hair, markt upon his breast with the Letters A*P* joyned at the foot: has on a black broad Cloath Jacket, under that a frize Jacket and Breeches, a Crocus Apron, gray yarn Stockings and *M*ittens, and a speckled Neckcloth: Speaks

58 Widow of Duncan Campbell.

little or no English. Whosoever shall take up and apprehend said Indian Boy, and him Convey to *John Campbell* Post-master of *Boston*, or give any true Intelligence of said Boy, so as his *Master* may may have him again, shall have a sufficient reward.

A Negro Woman Slave about 22 years of Age, to be Sold by Mr. *Nicholas Boone* Bookseller, and to be seen at the *London Coffee*-House, next door to the Post-Office, in *Boston*.

N. E. Numb. 31.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday November 13. to Monday November 20. 1704.

MH—AS—NY

[AN instalment of "The King of Portugals Declaration, with his Reasons for entering into the Grand Alliance," fills the first and breaks into the second page of this issue, with the editorial note: "*We must here break off till our next.*" The domestic news includes the detailed account of the killing of the Reverend Mr. Gardner at Lancaster.]

Boston, In our *Numb.* 28. As we then received it, we gave you the Account of the Death of the Reverend Mr. *Gardner*, Minister of *Lancaster;* and having since had a perfect and exact Account of the same, from Eye and Ear Witnesses; we thought it expedient to insert it here, to prevent various reports thereof: And is as follows

That a man being Killed the day before betwixt *Groton* and *Lancaster*, and the Indians having been seen the night before nigh the Town) Mr. *Gardner* (three of the men belonging to his Garrison being gone out of Town, and two of the remaining three being tyred with Watching and Travelling in the Woods after the Indians that day) being a very careful as well as couragious man, concluded to Watch that night himself; and accordingly went out into the little Watch-house that was over one of the Flankers, and there stayed till late in the night, whence and when he was coming down (as it was thought) to warm him, the man that shot him, who was not long before sleeping by the fire, came out, and whether between sleeping and waking, or surprized with an excess of fear, fired upon him as he was coming down out of the Watch-house through a little Trap door into the Flanker, where no man having the exercise of his Reason could suspect the coming of an Enemy, or suspect him to be so, when in a clear Moon light night he was so nigh him, Mr. *Gardner* (though his Wound was in his breast being shot through the Vitals) came to the door, bid them open it for he was wounded; after he came in he fainted

away, but coming to himself again, asked who it was that Shot him, and when they told him he prayed God to forgive him, and forgave him himself, for he believed he did not do it on purpose; and with a composed Christian frame of Spirit desired them that were bitterly lamenting over him, not to weep but to pray for him, and comforted his sorrowful Wife, telling her he was going to Glory, advising her to follow him; and in about an hour Dyed, leaving his sorrowful Friends to lament the loss of so worthy and desirable a Person.[59]

Mr. *Eliot* is arrived at *Marblehead* this week from St. *Thomas's*, says, That Capt. *Ellery* from *Boston*, *Shapely* and *Hill* from *New-London*, was taken into *Martineco*. That a *Dutch* Privateer had brought in to St. *Thomas* 4 or 5 *French* Prizes.

On *Saturday* our Assembly was Prorouged until the sixth of *December next*.

Three *French* Men that came in Capt. *Lawrence's* Prize to *Rhode-Island*, say, That in *July* they came from *Rochel*, under the Convoy of a Flyboat of 700 Tons, between 50 and 60 Guns, and 2 Merchant men of 14 Guns, about 120 Tons each. One of which with the Fly-boat was Bound with Stores and Ammunition for *Canada*, which Flyboat had on board a Bishop, 6 or 7 Priests and a great many Passengers, and a great Sum of Mony to pay off the Souldiers. The other Merchant Man with Stores was bound for *Placentia*, and about 400 Leagues to the Westward of *Rochel;* they met in *July* last with an English Fleet consisting of about 120 Sail, under Convoy of 5 Men of War, the Ship in which these *French* men was, made her escape, and also that for *Placentia*, whom they afterwards met upon the Banks. But the great Flyboat they saw engaged between 2 *English* Men of War, and heard the Guns plying from 10 a Clock in the Morning to 12 a Clock in the Night, and suppose she was either taken or sunk.

On *Saturday* arrived one *Johnson* in a Briganteen from *Plymouth* in *England* about 7 weeks Passage, came out under Convoy of the Advice Man of War a 4th Rate of 50 Guns, Captain *Morris* Commander, and the *Strumbele* a 5th Rate, Convoy of some Ships for *Virginia*. There came out with them the two Mast Ships for *Piscataqua*, *viz.* The *New Hampshire*, Capt. *Easson* Commander, and the other the *Thannet*, with several other Vessels for this Place, *viz.* Capt. *Wentworth*, *Taylor*, *Balston*, *Pitts*, and two other Vessels belonging to *England*. There came also out with the above Convoy Capt. *Deheart* and *Bond* for *New-York*, and Capt. *Robertson* for *Pensilvania*, and several for *Virginia*.

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59 Reprinted from the News-Letter, together with the item in No. 28 in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 506-507.

Several Men of War came out in Company for *Lisbon*, of whom Admiral *Whetston* was Commodore, Admiral *Whetston* Retook a Vessel from the *French*, that was taken bound home from *Virginia*.

The Advice Man of War took a *French* Banker on the Banks of *Newfoundland*. The Briganteen in which *Johnson* came, was one of the last Vessels that kept Company with the Advice, and parted with him three weeks ago, who was then in Chase of a Vessel he saw.

And by Master and Passengers we are acquainted, . . . [items of foreign news.]

The *Virginia* Fleet was save Arrived in *England*, excepting one of the Men of War Convoys was taken in the Channel giving Chase to some Ships she saw, that were French men of War.

That our *Virginia* home bound Fleet, took a great Flyboat bound to *Canada*, with Stores of Ammunition, and a great deal of Money; said to be a very Rich Prize; and was carryed in to the *Downs*.

That our Fleet in the *Streights* had an engagement with the *French*, and worst them.

Capt. *Welch* from hence was taken.

Entered outward bound, *James Berry* for *Barbadoes*, *Jeffry Bedgood* for *Curaso*, *John Pullen* for *Jamaica*, *John Webster* for *Coratuck*, and *Zachariah Alden* for *Antigua*. Coasters outwards, *James Blin* for *Rhode-Island*, and *Christopher Amazon* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign inwards, *James Calley* and *William Goddard* for *Madera*, *John Mason* and *Richard Thomas* for *Sirranam*, and *James Bodwin* for *Jamaica*.

New-Castle in *Piscataqua*, *Nov* 16. 1704. The Reverend Mr. *John Emerson* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, upon *Wednesday* the 8th Instant.

Advertisements.

THere is now in the Press, and will speedily be Published Mr. *Clough's Almanack* for the Year 1705. Diligently Calculated according to the Doctrine of *Scientia Stellarum*, the latest Tables now extant; to which is added an Appendix of the Effects of the Eclipses and Conjunctions of the Superiour Planets, with a compleat Chronology of very Remarkable Things from the beginning of the World, to the year 1705. Also an account of the variation of the Ebbing and Flowing of the Tides; together with a new Account of the Rhodes to Cape Harbour, with the East and West: With other things useful and very necessary.

THere is lately Published, A Book Entituled, *A Discourse on the Holiness* of *the Sabbath Day*. Being a Sermon Preached at *Boston*, *New-England*, *October* 29*th*. 1704. By *Jer. Dummer*, *A. L. M & Philosop.* Doct.

Both to be Sold by *Benjamin Eliot* at his Shop at the West-End of the *Town-House* in *Boston.*

THe *Eastern* and *Piscataqua* Post sets out from *Boston* every *Monday* night at seven of the Clock, and all Persons are desired to bring their Letters to the Post-Office before six a Clock.

The *Western* Post not yet come in.

N. E. Numb. 32.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday November 20. to Monday November 27. 1704.

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[FOREIGN matter occupies all of this issue except a little more than a quarter of a page. Another instalment of "The King of Portugals Declaration" is given, and the other foreign advices include reports from the duke of Marlborough's camp of July 6, 9 and 13 dates. In the domestic news is a report by an express from Albany to New York, as brought by an Indian from Canada, of preparations in Canada for a French and Indian winter attack upon some point in the colonies not named.]

Boston, We are acquainted from *London*, that *Sims* or *Flins* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Chester* from *New-London*, both bound to *London*, were taken by the *French;* and that Capt. *Davison* from *New-York* to *London* was arrived there.

Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Lanren* for *Carolina*, *John Hobbs* for *Antigua*, *John Henderson* for *Saranam*, *Ezekiel Cravat* for *Lisbon*, and *Nathaniel Green*, *David Craige*, and *Samuel Brice* for *Barbadoes*. Coasters Outwards, *Peter Coffin*, and *Richard Hall* for *New-Haven*. Forreign Inwards, Capt. *John Wentworth*, Capt. *Christopher Taylor*, and *William Dean*, from *London*, *Nathaniel Eliot* from St. *Thomas*, *Nicholas Laurence* from *Berwick*, *Richard Shortridge* from *Fyall*, and *Thomas Sill* from *Antigua*. Forreign Outwards, *John Webber* for *Coratuck*, *Jeremiah Cusking* for *Virginia*, *John Wing*, *Daniel Marshal*, *Henry Tew* and *John Dimon*, for *Jamaica*, and *Stephen Codman* for *Fyall*.

Marble-head, *Nov.* 25. On *Wednesday* next Sails from hence to *Portugal*, Capt. *John Miles* in the *Swallow* for *Lisbon*, Capt *Richard Murphey* in the *Arcana Galley* for *Leghorn*.

New-York, *Nov.* 13. On the 7th Instant, His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* went hence to his Government of New-Jersey.

On the 8th Currant, The *Jersey* Man of War with the Vessels under her Convoy Sailed from *Sandy-hook* for *England*.

The *Pensilvania* Post is not yet come in.

Last night came an Express from *Albany*, & brought an Account, that an *Onnendage* Indian was arrived from *Canada*, & gives an Account, that an Army was preparing with great vigour to make an Attack this Winter over the Ice, but on what place was kept secret.

St. *Johns Newfoundland*, *Octob.* 24. Four days ago came here 7 *French* Souldiers, who 10 days before had deserted at *Placentia*, & were kindly received by the Commadore, who carried them for *England*, which Deserters say, that sundry others of the best of that Garrison would quickly follow, because of hard usage, want of pay, & scarcity of Provisions. On the 22d Instant, our Governour had certain advice, that 11 more of said Garrison was come to *Carbonier*, who had Surrendred themselves & their Arms, & were ordered by the Governour to be brought hither, of whom there was 2 Seargents, 1 Gunner & 7 common Souldiers, and confirm what the others say of a great Scarcity at *Placentia*.

Piscataqua, *Nov.* 23. This Week arrived here from *England*, Capt. *Morris* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the Advice, with the *New-Hampshire*, and *Thanet*, Mast-Ships under his Co[n]voy.

The *Eastern* Post sets out every *Monday* night.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. **Numb.** 33.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** November 27. to. **Monday** December 4. 1704.

NY—AS

[IN the first column of the first page is more of the declaration of the king of Portugal, continued from the issues of November 20 and 27. From Hague, August 18, there is a report of the battle of Hochstedt or Blenheim, and from Windsor, August 13, the letter of the duke of Marlborough to the queen announcing that victory. There is a little more than a column of domestic news. This includes a proclamation by the governor regulating the transmission of letters to Europe "during the continuance of this war."]

Boston, On *Sabbath*, the 26 of *November*, about 6 of the Clock at night, Dyed Major *Benjamin Davis* aged 56 Years and 4 months, and was decently Interr'd on *Thursday* the last of *November*, being attended with the Regiment in arms.[60]

60 Major in the militia: captain of the Honorable Artillery Company 1686. See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 118, under dates Novr 26, Novr 30.

On *Wednesday* the 28th of *November*, His Excellency our Governour Issued forth a Proclamation, That whereas the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province was by Prorogation to Sit at *Boston* upon *Wednesday* the 6th day of *December*, His Excellency has been pleased further to Prorogue the said Assembly unto *Wednesday* the 27th Day of *December* Instant, at ten a Clock in the Forenoon.

On *Thursday* the 30*th November:* In obedience to Her Majesties Express Command, for the better preventing of the Enemy gaining Intelligence of the State of the Plantations, by Letters from private persons there to their Correspondents in *England*, taken on board Ships coming from the Plantations & carried into *France*, which prove of dangerous consequence,

His Excellency, our Governour, with Advice of Her Majesties Council has issued forth a Proclamation, directing & ordering all Masters of Ships & other Vessels Sailing from any part or place either of this Government or *New-Hampshire* during the continuance of this War, bound for *Europe*, or to any other of Her Majesties Plantations abroad, to have a bag to receive all Letters that shall be sent by them, with a sufficient weight therein to sink the same immediately in case of imminent danger from the Enemy, & that they sink them accordingly; That they suffer no Letters to be carried in their Ships or Vessels, but what are put in the common bag; That all Merchants and other private persons be very cautious of giving any Account by Letters of the Publick State & Condition of these Plantations.

That none of the *French* Nation residing here, inhabitants or others, do convey or put any Letter into the common bag, or on board any Ship or other Vessel, without presenting them to the Governour or Commander in Chief for the time being, for his perusal; & that none such be received by any Ship-Master or others, before they have been perused as aforesaid, & so notifyed. That none of Her Majesties Subjects, Merchants or others, do put any Letters from any *French*-man, under their cover to elude the intent of this Proclamation.

Entered Outward Bound, *Bucklin* for *Antigua*, *Robert Gould* for *Coratuck*, *Nathaniel Eliot* for *Montserat*, and *James Bridgam* for *Barbadoes*. Co[a]stars Outward, *Almy* for *Rhode-Jsland*, and *Brackett Wells* for *Piscataqua;* Forreign Inwards, *Nathaniel B[al]ston* from *London*. Forreign Outwards, *Joseph Arnold* for *Carolina*.

Marshfield, *Nov.* 29. On Sabbath last was put on Shoar here, *Abraham Gordon* from *Fyall* in the Easterly Storm of Snow, we hope he'll save the Vessel and Cargo, except the loss of her Masts, and some small damage.

Philadelphia, *Nov.* 15. About three weeks ago, The State-house at *Annapolis* was burnt down, most of the Records of the Province was burnt in it.

Last Week arrived Captain *Rhodes* in a Sloop from *Rhode-Island*.

New-York, *Nov.* 22. Captain Tongrelow was expected here in *Basset*, (who arrived from *Curacoa* the 15th Instant, in 28 days) but he would not come without his Goods, which *Basset* refused to bring; we hear he designs for *Rhode-Island*.

Captain *Clavar* in a Barque, Cap[t]ain *de Wint*, and Captain *Vanlaer* in two Sloops all well mann'd, design this or the next Week to Sayl on Privateering.

Rhode-Island, *Nov.* 28. There is one *Ransford* in a Briganteen, arrived here from *Barbadoes*. Yesterday arrived at the back-side of our Island, a *French* Prize, taken by Her Majesties Ship the *Advice*, Loaden with dry Fish and Oyl.

Advertisements.

THese are to Certifie all Persons, that there is lately set up at *Charlstown Ferry* in *Boston*, a *Pottash-work*, at the house of *John Russell Ferry-man*, where all Persons that have any *Ashes* to spare, may receive *six pence* per *Bushell* in *Money*, for any Quantity they shall Deliver at the Water-side.

THe *Western* Post for three Months to the 1st of *March* next goes out and comes in once a Fortnight at *Boston;* he came in on *Fryday* last, the first currant, & sets out on *Tuesday* morning, the 5th instant, and so comes in every other *Saturday* at noon, and sets out the *Tuesday* morning following at ten of the Clock.

The *Eastern* Post comes in every *Saturday*, and sets out every *Monday* night, at seven of the Clock.

N. E. Numb. 34.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday December 4. to Monday December 11. 1704.

NY—AS

IN the first column of the first page is a continuation of the declaration of the king of Portugal and in the second column, from Whitehall, August 14, is the report of Vice Admiral Sir George Rooke concerning the taking of Gibraltar by the British forces July 24, and accompanying this report are the articles of capitulation. Nearly the

entire second page is occupied with a proclamation of Queen Anne "for Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins in Her Majesties Colonies and Plantations in America."[61] Accompanying this is a table of computation of weights and values of foreign coins in the plantations, made by Mr. Newton, master worker of the mint. The domestic news of the issue is limited to five short items.]

Chelmsford, *Decemb.* 7. This Day Dyed the Reverend *Mr. Thomas Clark*, Pastor of the Church here. Aged 51 & 9 months.

Little-Compton, *Decemb.* 7. 1704. The Reverend Mr. *Richard Billings* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, on *Thursday* the last day of *November*.

Marble-head, *Dec.* 7. This day arrived here Cap. *Winter* from *England*, being the last Ship that came out with our Fleet.

Boston, Entered Outward bound, *Pitman*, and *Gray* for *Nevis*, *Perkins* for *Antigua*, *Everton*, *Love*, *Plaisted* and *Emes* for *Barbadoes*, *Northy* for *Virginia*, and *Emons* for *Jamaica*. Coasters Jnwards, *Lathrop* from *Sandwich*, and *Smallage* from *Rhode-Island*. Coasters Outwards, *Odiorne* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *Gravenraedt* from *N. York*, *Harris* from *Antigua*, *Vail & Darby* from *Pensilvania*. Foreign Outwards, *Jones & Hobbs* for *Antigua*, *Gold* for *Carolina*, *Green* for *Jamaica*, *Dean* for *Suranam*, *Burbank* for *Curacoa*, & *Moor* for *Barbadoes*.

On Tueseday the 5th Currant arrived here Cap. *Pit*[*t*]*s* from *London*, came out with the Ships for this place.

By the QUEEN,
A PROCLAMATION,

For Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins in Her Majesties Colonies & Plantations in America *ANNE R.*

WE having had under our Consideration the different Rates at which the same Species of Foreign Coins do Pass in Our several Colonies and Plantations in *America*, and the inconveniences thereof, by the indirect Practice of Drawing the Money from one Plantation to another, to the great Prejudice of the Trade of our Subjects; And being Sensible, That the same cannot be otherwise Remedied, than by Reducing of all Foreign Coins to the same Current Rate within all Our Dominions in *America;* And the Principal Officers of Our Mint having laid before Us a Table of the Value of the several Foreign Coins which usually Pass in Payments in our said Plantations, according to their Weight, and the Assays made of them in Our Mint,

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61 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 471-472.

thereby shewing the just Proportion which each Coin ought to have to the other, which is as followeth, *viz Sevill* Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Peny-weight Twelve Grains Four Shillings and Six-pence; *Sevill* Pieces of Eight, New Plate, Fourteen Peny-weight, Three Shillings Seven Pence One Farthing; *Mexico* Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Peny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and Six Pence; *Pillar* Pieces of Eight, Seventeen Peny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings & Six-pence Three Farthings; *Peru* Pieces of Eight, Old Plate, Seventeen Peny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings & Five Pence, or thereabouts; *Cross Dollars*, Eighteen Peny-weight, Four Shillings and Four Pence Three Farthings; *Ducatoons* of *Flanders*, Twenty Peny weight and Twenty One Grains, Five Shillings and Six Pence; *Ecu's* of *France*, or *Silver Lewis*, Seventeen Peny-weight Twelve Grains, Four Shillings and six pence; *Crusadoes* of *Portugal*, Eleven Peny weight, Four Grains, Two Shillings and Ten Pence One Farthing; Three Gilder Pieces of *Holland*, Twenty Peny weight and Seven Grains, Five Shillings and Two Pence One Farthing; Old *Rix Dollars* of the Empire, Eighteen Peny-weight and Ten Grains, Four Shillings and six-pence; The Half, Quarters, and other parts in proportion to their Denominations, and Light Pieces in Proportion to their Weight: We have therefore thought fit for Remedying the said Inconveniences, by the Advice of Our Council, to Publish and Declare, That from and after the First Day of *January* next ensuing the Date hereof; no *Sevill*, *Pillar*, or *Mexico* Pieces of Eight, though of the full Weight of Seventeen Peny-weight and a half, shall be Accounted, Received, Taken or Paid within any of Our said Colonies or Plantations, as well those under Proprietors and Charters, as under Our immediate Commission & Government, at above the Rate of Six Shillings *per* piece Currant Money for the Discharge of any Contracts or Bargains to be made after the said First Day of *January* next, the Halfs, Quarters, and other lesser Pieces of the same Coins to be Accounted, Received, Taken, or Paid in the same proportion; And the Currency of all Pieces of Eight of *Peru*, *Dollars*, and other Foreign Species of Silver Coins, whether of the same or Baser Alloy, shall, after the said First Day of *January* next, stand Regulated, according to their Weight and Fineness, according & in proportion to the Rate before limited and set for the pieces of Eight of *Sevill*, *Pillar*, and Mexico; So that no Foreign Silver Coin of any sort be permitted to exceed the same proportion upon any Account whatsoever. And We do hereby Reqire & Command all Our Governours, Lieutenant-Governours, Magistrates, Officers, and all other Our good Subjects within Our said Colonies and Plantations, to Observe and Obey Our Directions herein, as they Tender Our Displeasure.

Given at Our Castle at *Windsor*, the Eighteenth Day of *June*, 1704 In the Third Year of Our Reign,
GOD Save the QUEEN.

A Computation made by Mr. Newton, *Master-Worker of the Mint, according to which all Foreign Coins may Pass in Her Majesties Plantations, in Proportion to the Rate Limited in Her Majesties Proclamation for Pieces of Eight of* Sevill, Mexico *and* Pillar.

Weight and Intrinsick Value of the following Species.	Weight Peny wt.	Gr.	Value Shil.	Pence	*Rate of the said Pieces in Proportion to the Limitation made by the said Proclamation.*	Shil.	Pence
Sevill Pieces of Eight, Old Plate	17	12	4	6		6	
Sevill Pieces of Eight, New Plate	14		3	7¼		4	9½
Mexico Pieces of Eight	17	12	4	6		6	
Pillar Pieces of Eight	17	12	4	6¾		6	
Peru Pieces of Eight	17	12	4	5		5	10½
Cross Dollars	18		4	4¾		5	10¼
Ducatoons of Flanders	20	21	5	6		7	4
Ecu's of *France* or Silver *Lewis*	17	12	4	6		6	
Crusados of *Portugal*	11	4	2	10		3	9¼
Three Guilder Pieces of *Holland*	20	7	5	2¼		6	11
Old Rix Dollars of the Empire	18	10	4	6		6	

All Halves, Quarters and lesser Pieces are to Pass in Proportion to the above Rates.

[No advertisement in this issue.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday, December 11. to Monday December 18. 1704.

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[EXCEPT for four short domestic items this issue is completely filled with long reports of foreign affairs; and among others these include, under date of the preceding July, from the duke of Marlborough's camp at Alcha, news from that commander concerning the movements of his army; in August reports from Whitehall and Windsor more details of the capture of Gibraltar; a letter of Queen Anne addressed to the Parliament of Scotland, dated Edinburgh, July 11; and other news from Mentz, Hamburg and elsewhere upon the continent.]

Boston, On Sabbath the 10th Instant, died at *Milton*, Mr. *Richard Wilkins*, Bookseller of *Boston:* Aged Eighty-One years, And was Interred at *Boston*, on *Wednesday* the 13th Currant.

On *Thursday* the 14th, Arrived here the *French* Prize, taken by Her Majesty's Ship the *Advice*, mentioned in our Number 33.

Outward Bound, *Jefferies* for *Coratuck*, *Welch* for *Bermuda*, *John Corny*, and *John Charnock* for *London*. Coasters Outwards, *Allen* for *Connecticut*, *Gillam* for *Rhode Island*, and *Newman* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *Bucklin* for *Antigua*, *Lanyon* for *Carolina*, *Jeffries* for *Coratuck*, *Card* for *Barbadoes*, *Hillard* and *Parker* for *Jamaica*, *Carket* for *Surranam*, and *Milke* for *Montserat*

New-York, *Decemb.* 2. *Cap. Bond & Cap. De Hart* are just now arrived from *England*, and Cap. *Wilde* is daily expected, Cap Bill is arrived from *Curacoa* in a month.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. Numb. 36.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday December 18. to Monday December 25. 1704.

NY—AS

[IN this issue preference is again given to foreign news, almost the whole space being occupied by such matter. An additional instalment of the declaration of the king of Portugal is printed, and also the speeches to Parliament by the marquis of Tweedale, high commissioner, and the earl of Seafield, lord high chancellor; and there is miscellaneous news of May, June and July, from Constantinople, Nismes, Amsterdam and other capitals of the continent. Two items only comprise the domestic news.]

Boston, Entered Outwards, *John Estes*, and *John Thomas* junior for *London*. Coasters Inwards, *John Wells* from *Piscataqua*. Coasters Outwards, *Thomas Groce* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Inwards, *John Pitts*, and *Thomas Winter* from *London*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *John Seley*, and *Jeffery Bedgood* for *Barbadoes*, *John Ruggles* for *Nevis*, *William Dean* for *Lisbon*, *John Venteman* for *Jamaica*, and *John Scot* for *Antigua*.

Notice is hereby given to all Persons concerned, That whereas it is likely the General Assembly of this Province, will be Sitting at the time appointed by Law for the holding of the Inferiour Court of Common Pleas within the County of Suffolk, *on the First* Tuesday *of* January

next; the Justices of the said Inferiour Court *have therefore adjourned the same unto the First* Tuesday *of* February *next ensuing.*

[No advertisement in this issue.]

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N. E. Numb. 37.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday December 25. to Monday January 1. 1704, 5.

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[ONLY five items of domestic news are printed in this issue. The first page is filled with the speech of the earl of Cromarty, lord secretary, in the Scottish parliament, favoring the union with Great Britain. On the second page is a letter from London, of July 20, 1704, regarding the succession of the crown of Scotland. Continental news is from Turin, Vienna and other cities.]

Boston, On Wednesday last, the General Court of this Province according to Prorogation to said day, did meet and Sit again.

Entered Outward Bound, *Hobbs* for *Antigua*. Coasters Inwards, *Bracket* from *Piscataqua*. Forreign Outwards, *Sanders* for *Roanoke*, *Pickman* for *Nevis*, *Clark* for *Virginia*, *Plaisteed* and *Barns* for *Barbadoes*, *Perkins* and *Hobbs* for *Antigua*, *Welsh* for *Bermuda*, and *Cravat* for *Lisbon*.

Philadelphia, *Dec.* 6. Capt. *David Robertson* from *London*, is just now arrived, came out with the *Advice* Man of War from *England*. And we dayly expect a Briganteen that came out in Company with them.

New York, *December* 15. We have Advice, That the *Dove* from *London*, bound hither, is put in to *New London*.

His Excel. the Ld. *Cornbury* is expected here this day from his Government of *N-Jersey*. The Assembly of that Province have

granted a Revenue to Her Majesty of 2000 l *Per Annum* for two years.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 1. to Monday January 8. 1704, 05.

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[EXCEPT for four domestic items and one advertisement all this issue is of foreign affairs. Most space is given to reports from Vienna of the peace negotiations between Austria and Hungary, and the movements of Prince Ragatzi. The proceedings of parliament sitting in Edinburgh are reported.]

Boston, On *Tuesday* the 2d Currant, Dyed the Pious and Vertuous Madam *Sarah Leverett*, widow of the Honourable *John Leverett* Esq. Sometime Governour of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, Aged 74 years & 8 Month's, much Lamented by all Persons.

An Act Passed by the Great and General Court of this Province this Sessions, *Against Souldiers and Seamen in Her Majesty's Service, being Arrested for Debt.*

On Saturday the 6th Instant, His Excellency our Governour was pleased to Prorogue the Assembly of this Province unto *Wednesday* the 21st of *February* next, to ten of the Clock in the Forenoon.

Entered Outward Bound, *Henry Lowder* for *Barbadoes*. Forreign Cleared Outwards, *Andrew Gravenrat* for *New-York*, and *Jonathan Gray* for *Antigua*.

Advertisement

A Negro Man Slave, about 35 years of Age,who speaks good *English*, to be Sold & seen at Cap. *Samuel White's* house at the North-end of *Boston*, where you may know further.

N. E. Numb. 39.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 8. to Monday January 15. 1704, 5.

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[A HALF column of domestic news and three and one half columns of foreign news fill the two pages of this issue. The foreign news

from Warsaw, Dantzick, Turin, Hague and elsewhere is principally concerning military movements and several small battles in which the armies of the French and the Allies were engaged; the discussion of terms of peace between Sweden and Poland and the elaborate preparations which had been made for the crowning of King Stanislau. The domestic news, although brief, contains several items of more than ordinary importance including reports of privateers in the West Indies.]

Boston, On Monday the 8th Currant was Interred Madam *Sarah Leverett* mentioned in our Last.[62]

This week arrived *John Moor* from *Nevis* about nine weeks Passage, says, That there are a great many *French* Privateers out, and that *Philip Lewis* from hence to *Surranam*, and from thence for *Nevis* in a Briganteen was taken and carried in to *Martinico*.

On Sabbath the 14th Instant at Noon, begun a great Storm of Snow, the Wind being at North-East, and continues still at the Printing hereof on Monday Morning.

Entered Outward Bound, *Fortune Redduck* for St. *Christophers*. Forreign Inwards, *John Moor* from *Nevis*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *John Pullen* for *Jamaica*.

Piscataqua, January 11. Capt. *Salmon Morrice*[63] Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the *Advice* (with the two Mast-Ships, who are making all possible dispatch in Loading) will Sail hence for *England* the 1st of *March* next, taking under his Convoy what other Vessels are then ready.

New-Port Rhode-Island, January 11. On *Fryday* the 5th Currant dyed here Mr *Robert Carr*, and was Interred on *Monday* the 8th Instant. There is arrived here *Gillam* & *Gravenrad* from *Boston*, and cleared from hence, *Hubbert* from *Madera's*, and *Hayman* for St. *Christophers*.

New-York, *Jan.* 1. About 10 days ago, Cap. *Claver*, & Capt. *De Wint* Sayled a Privateering. A Sloop arrived here from *Suranam*, brings no news. The Post from *Albany* brings Advice, That the *French* were fitting out a great Party of Indians, *&c.* to fall upon some of the *English* Government. Several Vessels Outward bound for *Antigua*, *Jamaica*, *Curacoa* and *Carolina*. *Capt. Wilde* from *London* that came out with the *Advice* Man of War, *&c.* Lies at the two

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62 See News-Letter, No. 38; see also Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol, II, page 120, under date Jany 2, and page 121, under date Monday, January 8 [1704/5].

63 Captain Salmon Maurice. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . , Vol. VIII, page 465, 466.

Brothers, 12 miles from hence.

Advertisement

[Reprinted: sale of slave of Captain Samuel White, as in January 8.]

N. E. Numb. 40.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 15. to Monday January 22. 1704, 5.

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[ALL the first page of this issue is filled with an account of the battle of Blenheim. On the second page is news from Berlin, Vienna, Hague, Hamburgh, Frankfort and elsewhere.]

Boston, On the 15th Instant, *James Jarvies*, Blacksmith, (who used to be taken with Fits of the Falling Sickness) being Shovelling of Snow at his Well in the Yard, on a sudden his head foremost fell into the Well, his own Journey-man Shovelling Snow in the same Yard heard a sudden noise, & immediately cried out, & several persons got to the Well where nothing was to be seen but his feet, and got him out, who spoke but very few words afterwards, and dyed within a few hours.

On *Wednesday* morning the 17th Instant, dyed *Elizabeth Whetlie*, Single Woman, for want of help, being big with Child, who would not own that she was with Child, was afterwards opened, and found to be so.

On *Saturday* Morning the 20th. dyed Mr. *William Rowe*, Goldsmith.

Entered Outward Bound, *John Wensley* for *Barbadoes*. Cleared, *Jotham Odiorn* for *Piscataqua*.

Advertisement

[Reprinted: sale of slave of Captain Samuel White, as in January 8 and January 15.]

N. E. Numb. 41.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 22. to Monday January 29, 1704. 05.

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[THREE columns of this issue are filled with foreign news. More details of the victory at Hochflet in August, 1704, are given "From the Duke of Marlborough's camp at Steinheim, Aug. 17

N. S." with the additional note, "we refer you to our *Number* 33 in which is the Duke of Marlborough's Letter to the Secretary of State, which gives an account of the Battle." Appended to this report is "A List of the Chief Prisoners taken at the Battle at Bleineam." More account of this battle is given in letters from Berlin, Frankfort, and Hague. In a letter from Edinburgh, parliamentary proceedings in relation to the succession to the throne are reported.]

Barbadoes, *Decemb.* 21. On the 20th of *October* arrived here Capt. *Thomas Lessenby* in the *Dudley* Frigot, and *Sargent* in a Ketch from *Boston* in *N. England*, & on the 22d. Capt. *Partridge* from said Port. On the 2d of *November* the *Warrick* Man of War, (the *Curtney* Briganteen being in Company) brought in a *French* Privateer Sloop with 40 hands. Capt. *Graves* in the Ship *William* from *Virginia;* On the 7th Capt. *Porter* from *Guinea*, & a Briganteen from *Virginia:* On the 8th, *Fox* in a Ketch from *Boston*, & *Tucker* in a Sloop from *Rhode-Island* both taken, the men put on Shoar; a Sloop from *Pensilvania*, & Capt. *Jenkins* in a Ship from *Bristol* arrived. On the 12th two Sloops from *Pensilvania*, & one from *Rhode-Island*. On the 15th. The Pacquet Boat from *England*. On the 16th. A Sloop from *Rhode-Island*, and one from *New-York*. On the 17th. Capt. *Moles* from *Boston* On the 19h. Captains, *Everton* and *Garrat* from *New-foundland*. On the 9th *Decemb.* Captain *Gibbs* from *Carolina*.

Several Vessels Sail'd from hence this day. For *Virginia*, The *James Citty*, *Richard Brand*, Master, & the *Mercy*, *James Loring* Master: For *Leward Islands*, *Robert Chappel*, & Mr. *Richardson;* for *London*, Capt. *Thomas Holland*, in the By-fronts Gally, *George Pearson* in the *John & Ann*, *William Arkland* in the *Industry*, *George Clay* in the *Richard*. For *Pensilvania*, *Florentius Burrows* in the *Tygar*, *George Laycraft* in the *Adventure*. For *Bermuda*, *Nathaniel Tatum*, in the *Lilly*, *Robert Inglish* in the *John & Jane*, *John Sallustius* in the *Samuel*, *William Outerbrige* in the *Rose*, *Matthew Witter* in the *William & Robert*. For *New-England Salem*, *John Sharpe* in the *Endeavour*. For *Boston*, *Clement Jackson* in the *Dover* Gally, & *John Bennet* in the *Hopewell*. For *Bristol*, *Robert Knowles* in the *Increase*. For *Carolina*, *James Gibson* in the *Endeavour* For *Saltitudos Wil Wyot* in the *Endeavour*.

Yesterday came on Shore Capt. *Dunkin* and Company in his Boat, gives an Account that he was bound Hither from *Ireland*, Loaden with Provisions, but his Ship sprung a Leak ten Leagues off and Foundered.

Provisions are both scarce & dear. Capt. *Moles* is put in Commander of the *Curtney* Briganteen, & our Government has fitted out a Sloop, both of which are out, and hope will do us good Service against the Privateers.

The Man of War has Retaken a Ship from *Guinea*, bound to *Jamaica*, the Master whereof is carried in to *Martinico*. The Ship brought in here & the Negroes Sold.

We are acquainted, That there is 2 or 3 *French* Privateers taken by Her Majesties Man of War at the *Leward-Islands*.

Boston, On *Tuesday* the 23d Currant, arrived here Capt. *John Bennet* in 33 days from *Barbadoes*, by whom we have the Confirmation of Capt. *Ellery's* (mentioned in our Number 31) being taken by the *French*, who was Wounded in the stout resistance he made against the Privateer. That Capt. *Thomas Dudley* in the Pacquet Boat from *England* to the *West-Indies*, was taken and carried into St. *Malo*.

On *Wednesday* the 24th. Dyed Mr. *Edward Gouge*, Merchant.

By his Excellency's Direction, Capt. *Tyng* and Capt. *Stephens* with 150 men with Snow Shoes march'd from *Dunstable* eight days ago into the Woods in search of the Enemy.[64]

His Excellency intends to go for his Government of *New-Hampshire*, on *Wednesday* the 31st. Instant.

Entered Outward Bound, Capt. *Mark Hunkin* in the *Johns Adventure*, for *Barbadoes*. Forreign Inwards, *John Bennet* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, Cap. *Ephraim Breed* in the *Seaflower*, for *Jamaica*, and *Joseph Thorne* in a Sloop for *Barbadoes*.

There are two Mails due from the Eastern Post, *and one from the* Western, *by reason of the great* Snows.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** January 29. to **Monday** February 5. 1704, 5.

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[THIS issue opens with a proclamation by Governor Dudley for a general fast. Foreign matter follows, occupying the remainder of the first page and three quarters of the second page: largely of war news. The domestic news fills out the second page and tells of heavy snow storms and high tides. A New York item reports the publication there of the queen's proclamation for "Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins" in the colonies,

64 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 447.

which was published in Massachusetts in the previous December, and given in the News-Letter No. 34.]

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England.* A PROCLAMATION for a General FAST[65]

HAving had *Consideration of the Great Troubles of* Europe, *wherein Her Majesty and the Confederates are Engaged against the Common Enemy of the Repose of the Christian Nations; As well as our own Troubles with the* French *and* Indians; *And the Just* Reason *we have therefore to Implore the Divine Favour, for the Remission of our great and manifold Sins that have justly displeased God.*

I *Have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the Desire of the Representatives in their last Session, to Appoint and Order, That* Thursday *the first of* March *next, be Solemnized as a Day of Publick* FASTING *and* PRAYER *throughout these Provinces: Exhorting both Ministers and People in their several Assemblies, Religiously to attend the Solemn Services of the said Day; That by a sincere Repentance and steady Affiance in the Divine Mercy in their most humble Addresses, They may obtain from GOD, That Our Soveraign Lady the* QUEEN *with the Nations and Territories under Her Happy Government may always be under the Protection of HEAVEN; Her Majesties Life and Government long continued; Her Counsels and just Arms Prospered; The Designs of the barbarous Salvages against us defeated; Our exposed Plantations preserved. And the poor* Christian Captives *in their hands, returned; That the Government of these Provinces may have the Divine Direction in all their Administrations; That* Health *may be continued, And the ensuing Year crowned with the Fruits of Divine Bounty: That Deliverance may speedily arise to the Church of God oppressed with the Tyranny of Antichrist. And all Servile Labour is Inhibited in that Day.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the Twenty-second Day of *January*, 1704. In the Third Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* & *Ireland*. QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

By Order of the Governour & Council *J. Dudley.*
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

New-Port Rhode-Island, *January* 25. On Sabbath the 14*th.*

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65 In The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 104.

Instant, began here a great Storm the Wind at *S. E.* and continued till next day, which caused a Tyde to rise here two foot higher than ever was known, which has done near 400*l.* damage to this place, and drowned 17 Sheep of *Connonicut's*. *Robert Smith* for *Surranam* will Sail in 15. days.

New-York, *January* 22. On the 15th Instant dyed here, *Sampson Shelton Broughton* Esqr. Her Majesties Attorney General, Judge Advocate, and of the Council of this Province, a Gentleman of great Probity, Piety and Temper; whose loss is extreamly lamented by all good men.

This Day Her Majesties Proclamation for Settling and Ascertaining the Current Rates of Foreign Coins in Her Majesties Colonies and Plantations in *America* was published here. Never more Snows known here than now, which is excessive deep, 7 or 8 miles a day with great difficulty is attained to be a days Journey. The *Pensilvania* Post not yet come in.

Vessels Outward Bound are Capt. *Bond* for *London*, *Roland* for Jamaica, *Newenhuysen*, *Bill* and *Bonnin* for Curacoa, *Watkins* for Barbadoes, *Debart* for Madera, *Roland* for Fyal, and *Egerbtson* for Suranam.

Boston, Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Norris* in the *Content*, & *John Bonnes* in the *Hopewell* for *Barbadoes*. Forreign Outwards Cleared, *John Ingoldsby* for *Jamaica*, *Nathaniel Elliot* for *Montserat*, *William Thwing for Madera*, *Richard Mortimur*, and *James Berry* for *Barbadoes*.

William Wyer in the *Endeavour* arrived at *Martha's Vineyard* the 9th of *January* in a months time from *Saltitudo's*, where was neither Sale nor other Vessel to be seen.

The Eastern Post came in on Saturday and sets out on Monday night, who says, There is no Travailing with Horses, especially beyond *Newbury*, but with Snow Shoes, which our People do much use now, that never did before. The Western Post came then also in, and sets out on Tuesday Morning, who likewise says, 'Tis very bad Travailing.

Advertisement.

LAtely deserted Her Majesties Service at the Castle on Castle-Island, *Jonathan Milburn* Souldier, a Middle siz'd man, thin Visage, dark brown short Hair; Aged about Thirty years: Whosoever shall apprehend and him Convey to the Honourable *Thomas Povey* Esq. Lieutenant Governour of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, shall have *Forty Shillings* Reward, besides his Charges. And if the said *Milburn* will Voluntarily come in and Surrender himself to

the next Justice of the Peace, in order to return to his Obedience, he shall be pardoned his Crime

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 5 to Monday February 12, 1704, 5

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[FOREIGN news fills three and a half of the four columns. Under the head line "*From* the *Duke* of Marlborough's *Camp* at Eppingen September 3 N. S.", are two columns of news pertaining to the campaign of the allied forces against the French and Bavarians and a list of the English officers killed or fatally wounded in the battle of Blenheim. Under a Vienna date of August 27, 1704, is a report of the rejoicing in that capital, over the victory of Marlborough. From Hague and Windsor is other war news.]

Salem, Jan. 20. The Weather has been so extream, there is no Travelling. The great Tide on *Monday* 15th Instant was here at least 14 inches higher than has been known in 20 years past; & much damage done in this Town, at *Marblehead* & *Manchester*. The Chanel that was cut for the passage of Vessels out of the Harbour of *Glocester* into *Ipswich* Bay, to save going about the Cape, is quite filled up.[66] We have had no body from *Boston* since, that can give an account of your Damage: but doubt it is considerable.

Charlstown, Feb. 9. The last week was held here the Superiour Court for our County, where a Case was by the Court committed to the Jury, & when they brought in their Verdict, the Court judging it to be wrong, informed them better of the Case, & sent them out again to consider better of it; a certain person in the Court after they had received the Charge from the Court, spoke to them, & desired them to stand by their first Verdict notwithstanding of what the Court said to them; whereupon the Court sent for said person & severely checkt him, & had like to have fined him in a considerable Sum, but in regard of his very great submission and penitency for his Crime, was fin'd but in *Five Pounds*.

Boston, On Tuesday the 6th Currant, being Her Majesty's Birth-Day; the Honourable the Lieutenant Governour, and the Gentle-

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66 The "cut" across Cape Ann by way of Squam River. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , in which this item is reprinted from the News-Letter, Vol. VIII, p. 478.

men of Her Majesties Council, with the Militia Officers, The Gentlemen and Merchants of this Place, Attended on His Excellency the Governour to the *Town House*, where they Drank Her Majesties Health, Her Royal Highness the Princess *Sophia's*, His Royal Highness Prince *George's;* His Grace the Duke of *Marlborough's;* And Prosperity to Her Majesties Forces by Sea and Land. The *Town-House*, and several Gentlemens Houses at night being full of Illuminations.

By Letters from *Piscataqua* we are acquainted, that *John Sharp* (mentioned in our *Number* 41 to be bound for *Salem* from *Barbadoes*) was Cast away at *Piscataqua* on *Fryday* night the 2d Currant. The men are saved, but little of the Cargo is like to be sav'd.

Entered Outward Bound, *William Wains* for *Newfoundland*. Coasters Outward, *Jacob Parker* for *Piscataqua*. Forreign Cleared Outwards, Capts. *John Sunderland*, *John Foster*, *William Skinner*, *Thomas Beard*, *John Robinson*, and *Bartholemew Chever* for *Barbadoes;* and *James Updike* for *Madera*.

On Saturday Arrived at *Nantucket*, Capts. *Alcock*, *Alden*, and *Peppril* from *Piscataqua*.

There is one Mail due from the Eastern Post; and the Western Post comes not in till Saturday next.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. **Numb.** 44.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** February 12. to **Monday** February 19. 1704, 5

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[NEARLY the entire issue is taken up with foreign news, only seven short items of domestic events being printed at the end of the fourth column. The foreign news mostly relates to the battle of Blenheim or Bleinem or Hochflet, as it is here printed. The reports are from Geneva, Hamburgh, Windsor and Paris. The Paris news refers to letters received from Strasburg about the battle, and particular emphasis is placed upon the unpreparedness of the French and Bavarians for this defeat as shown in the fireworks and inscriptions which, before the battle occurred, had been prepared to celebrate the birthday of the duke of Brittany "wherein the Rivers Seine and Tajo were represented as forcing the Po, Danube, Maeze and Thames to pay them homage." Further reports from Windsor and London tell of the congratulations which have been extended to the queen upon this great victory.]

Boston, A Gentleman from *Piscataqua* acquaints us, That the great Storm mentioned in our *Number* 39, the 14th of January last, caused a very great Tide to rise at *Piscataqua*, which did very great damage there to several Warehouses, some whereof were carried away with it; as also at *Kittery* and the *Isle* of *Shoals*, where it carried away several of their Houses, and all their Fishing Stages.

Captains, *Alcock* & *Alden* mentioned in our Last to be arrived at *Nantasket* was through misinformation; The Latter of which arrived there on *Thursday* last, who is bound for *Barbadoes*.

On *Wednesday* next Sits our General Assembly.

Entered Outward Bound, Capt. *John Balston* for *London*, *William Pepperil* for *Cowes*, & *Jonathan Chamberlain* for *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards *John Bennet*, *David Craeg*, and *Thomas Landel* for *Barbadoes*.

The Advice Man of War with the Ships under her Convoy, will be ready to Sail from Piscataqua *for* England, *against the middle of* March *at farthest.*

The Eastern Post came in on Tuesday *last, and went out on* Wednesday *night, to return on* Fryday *or* Saturday *next, & to keep his usual times of going out and coming in.*

The Western *Post not yet come in.*

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. Numb. 45.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 19 to Monday February 26 1704, 05.

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[IN the first column of the first page under date, Windsor, September 14. 1704, is a long account, sent by Admiral Sir George Rooke, of the naval battle with the French off Malaga, Spain, August 13. In the second column is a list of the English and Dutch officers and men killed and wounded in that engagement, to the number of 2,758. The story of the battle is continued on the second page, and there are also from Lisbon further details concerning the affair. The domestic news is a minor quantity occupying only three quarters of a column.]

Lisbon Decemb. 3d. . . . *Mr.* Whitehorn *from* Rhode-Island *to* London *was taken by the French*, himself is come in here in one of those ships we took, but his Ship is not retaken.

Capt. Smith *in the Gosport Man of War, is put in here, who Sailed from* Boston *in N.* England, *on the* 26 *of* October, *and the* 30 *lost Company of the Merchant Ships under his Convoy, bound for* England: *The Gale held till the* 7 *of* November, *blowing a meer Storm; the* Sea *so tempestuous that the Air seem'd to be a Mist with the* Scudd *that rose from the Water: he scudded under his bare Poles running nine Knots; The* Sea *broke in his great Cabbin, stove bulk heads, and all before it: all the Captains Furniture hove overboard, kill'd* Arthur Kind *out right; broke the Carpenters, left Arm in two Places, and two middle Fingers cut off short;* Samuel Perkins *fell out of the Mizon-Top, and was drowned. Their Boats stove and hove overboard;* Dr. Grafford *bruised and Wounded in several places of his body; all expecting every moment when the* Ship *would fill and go down: but the* Ship *brought to and lay very well to their Comfort. About* 7 *a Clock at Night on Monday the* 6*th. The Main Mast sprung between Decks, which if had gone there, all must have perished, it would have ruined the Pumps, and ript up the Deck, but (through Mercy) they had time to Cut it away above Deck: The* Ship *proved so Leaky, that both Pumps was kept going Night & Day.* Tuesday *the* 7 *the Wind abated, and had fair Weather and moderate Winds, till they came near the* English *Channel, where they met with* N. E. *Winds, that blew so hard they could not hold it; The* 19 November, *They bore away for this place, and Arrived here the* 30 November, *where they are all in good health. The* Milford *from* Barbado's *met with the same Storm, who also lost her Main Mast and Boats, is also Arrived here.*

New-York, Febr. 12. The *Strumulo* Man of War, who came out with the Mast-Ships was arrived at *Virginia*, Capt. *Tongrelou* is in *Virginia*, his Sloop was Cast away about 10 Leagues to the Southward of the Capes of *Virginia;* The Master & 2 or 3 more of her men drowned. We hear he sav'd the money, and about 6 or 700 *l.* in Goods, and that he designs hither.

A Post came from *Albany* last week, brings no News, but that all things were quiet and in good order.

Two Sloops are up for *Barbadoes*, one for *Curacoa*, one for *Carolina*, and a Ship for *Madera.*

The Pacquet Boat that arrived at *Barbadoes*, the 20th of *December* last, brought Advice that the *Barbadoes* Fleet were arrived in *England.*

Roger Mompesson Esqr. Chief Justice of this Province, Mr. *John Barberie*, and Mr. *Adolph Philips* are Sworn of Her Majesty's Council.

Capt. *John Tudor* is appointed Recorder of the City of *New York.*

New-port Rhode Island, Feb. 15. Our Assembly is now Sitting, in order to raise men according to Her Majesty's Letter. Capt.

Smith for *Surranam*, and *Ransford* for *Barbadoes*, will Sail in about 10 days.

Boston, On *Wednesday the* 14th *Instant, Lieut. Col.* Hilton *& Maj.* Walton *marched from* Piscataqua *with* 300 *men Voluntiers with Snow Shoes for* Narigwalk *the Head Quarters of the Eastern Indians at* 250 *miles distance, with* 20 *days Subsistance in their Snap-sacks, who we doubt not if the Weather allow will see that place in* 10 *days from their setting out. And his Excellency the Governour has at the same time a Cruiser on the Shore of* L'acadie *to disrest the Enemy there. The Discovery of their Head-Quarters will give measures for the Summers proceeding. We have had no mischief from the Enemy these* 6 *months past, notwithstanding all their Bravo's to visit us once in two months.*[67]

Entered Outward Bound, *Nathaniel Balston* for *Barbadoes*, *David Cutler* for *Pensilvania*, & *Eleazor Moses* for *Newfoundland*. Coasters Inwards, *Newman* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Wells* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *Bryan Smith* from *Lisbon*, *Wyar* from *Saltetudo's*. Cleared Outwards, *Holland* for *Fyall*, *Thomas*, *Vincent*, and *Corney* for *London*.

The Western Post came in on Tuesday, & went out on Thursday last, in order to be in again on Saturday the 3*d of* March *next. The Eastern Post came also in on Saturday last & set out Monday night at* 7 *aClock, so to keep his due course in going out & coming in.*

Advertisement.

AN able healthy Negro Woman about 23 *years of Age, speaks English intelligibly, & is well instructed in Household-business, to be Sold. Enquire at the Post-Office in* Boston, *& know further.*

N. E. Numb. 46.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 26. to Monday March 5. 1704, 5.

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[IN the first and second columns on the first page is "*A Relation of the Sea-Fight near* Malaga, on the 24*th of* August, 1704. N. S. as it was writ from on Board the French Fleet"; and this is accompanied with a list of the French killed and wounded. There is also war news from Turin and Geneva and nearly two columns of

67 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 446.

miscellaneous European news "by prints and letters from *England* per Capt. *Gill* via *Lisbon*," and the editor adds "*all which we shall enlarge upon in our succeeding Prints.*"]

Boston, On *February* 25. Capt. *Michael Gill* of *Charlestown* arrived at *Marblehead* from *Lisbon*, in about a months Passage, by whom we have the following Advice, That Capts. *Mason* and *Jenkins* both of this place were arrived in *England*, and either *Jacob* or *Beavis* that Sail'd hence with them. That Capts. *Gilbert* and *Gwin* were Taken. That the *Gosport* Man of War was Sail'd from *Lisbon* to *England*.

On *Wednesday* last Sailed from *Nantasket* Road for *Barbadoes*, 7 Merchant Ships, *viz.* Capts. *Bowdage*, *Berry*, *Sunderland*, *Foster*, *Bridgham Aldin & Elice*, & 5 Briganteens, *Craig*, *Everton*, *Harris*, *Robinson* and *Carlile;* 2 Ketches, and 3 Sloops, *Skinner*, *Love* and *Barns*.

Entered Outward bound, *Hart & Adams* for *Newfoundland*, *Johnson & Wyar* for *Barbadoes*, *Waters* for *Virginia*, *Thaxter* for *Jamaica*, *Pitts* for *Nevis*. Coasters Outwards, *Weir* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Emes* for *Barbadoes*, *Groce* for *London*, & *Prey* for *Cowes*.

On Saturday His Excel. Dissolved the General Assembly.

Advertisements.

A Good Sloop for Fishing, that will carry six Cord of Wood, without taking down her Rooms, well furnished with Rigging, Anchors, Cables, Sails; a Canoo and other fitting Necessaries. To be Sold by *John Barrel* at *Boston*, for *Twenty-five Pounds;* where they may see an Inventory of the same.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold, as in February 26.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday March 5. to Monday March 12. 1704, 5.

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[THE foreign news in this issue is all of preceding September dates from Hague, Paris, Vienna and Holland via Whitehall, and treats of the military movements on the continent. Little more than one page is devoted to domestic news. This includes a proclamation by the governor regarding the rate of foreign coins.]

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION.[68]

Whereas Her Majesty by Her Royal Proclamation for Settling and Ascertaining the current Rates of Foreign Coines, in Her Majesties Colonies and Plantations in America; *Given at Her Majesties Castle at* Windsor, *the* 18*th day of* June, *in the Third Year of Her Reign: Hath Published Her Royal Pleasure, That all Foreign Coins be reduced to the same current Rates within all Her Dominions in* America, *according to their Weight and Value, and just proportion which each Coyn ought to have to the other, as in the said Proclamation is particularly set forth and express'd.*

But forasmuch, as by the corrupt wicked practices of some ill men, the present running Coins within this Province are so debased & impaired by Rounding and Clipping (notwithstanding the good & wholesome Laws made against the same) to the rendring of Her Majesties Royal Intention impracticable: And will prove of pernicious and fatal Consequence to Her Majesties good Subjects; unless it be speedily prevented.

For Remedy whereof.

I Do, by and with the Advice and Consent of Her Majesties Council, and of the Representatives in General Court Assembled, Declare & Order, That from & after the Publication hereof, No Money shall pass by Tale, but what is of due Weight, according to Her Majesties Proclamation, & the Laws of this Province: That all other light Money & Plate of Sterling Alloy, shall Pass and be good in Payments by the Ounce Troy, pro rato; *until the End of the Session of this Court in* May *next, when further Consideration shall be had thereof. And the Sheriffs of the several Counties are hereby Commanded to Publish this Proclamation within the same:*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the Third day of *March*, 1704. In the Third year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of God of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* & *Ireland* Queen, Defender of the Faith *&c.*

By Order of the Governour, Council,
and Assembly. *J. DUDLEY.*

Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Port-Royal in Jamaica, Octob. 23. On the 16th Instant arrived here Jonathan Peacock, and on the 17th, Nathaniel Vial from Boston, Sompson Shore from Virginia; The same day Sailed about 10 Sail

68 The original draught of this proclamation is on file in the Massachusetts Archives, and a copy therefrom is given in Mr. Goodell's Notes in the Province Laws, Vol. VIII, p. 473. A broadside, printed in 1705 by Bartholomew Green, "Printer to His Excellency the GOVERNOUR and COUNCIL," is also preserved. See also News-Letter No. 34 *ante*.

of Ships bound for London and Bristol under Convoy of the Guernsey, Commadore Huntington, Commander, who has Orders to attend them thro' the Windward Passage, The Account we have received from several of our Traders, gives us cause to believe that the Spaniards upon the Main are tired with the Tyranny of the French, who very much insult them, according to their usual manner.

Virginia, Jan. 16. A Privateer Sloop call'd the Sea-flower, Regnier Tongrelou Commander; was Cast away, & broke to pieces the 25th of Nov. last at night, about 20 miles to the Southward of Cape Henry by a violent Easterlie Storm, being bound from Curacoa to Rhode-Island, with divers Prize Goods, viz. a parcel of Flanders Lace of divers sorts in 2 great seaChests, 2 other of divers sorts of Silk, plain & flower'd, &c. 20 odd bails of white Linnen, viz. Holland, Britanish, Hatillis, and Roan and other sorts of Linnen, as Cambricks, &c. about 20 Bails of divers sorts of woolen cloths, as Piecotoes, Perpetuanas, Scarlet, Camelian, Barracon and other woolens, as Stockings, &c. about 6000 Pieces of Eight, about 1000 Pieces of Eight in Gold, & 2 or 3 bars of Silver about half a foot long in bags in a Chest; all which said Goods were taken by the said Commander from the Spaniard and French, in the Spanish West-Indies, by virtue of a Commission from Samuel Cranston Esq. Governour of Rhode-Island, & under the Seal of that Colony; The Commander & 14 men were sav'd & 3 lost.

Upon Application made by the Commander to His Excellency our Governour, that diligent search might be made after the Goods, His Excellency granted a Warrant, & several of said Goods was found, amounting to about 7 or 800 l. and a Court of Admiralty will be held to Condemn them about the latter end of Feb. next.

New-York, Febr. 28. On the 17th dyed the Honourable Col. William Smith Esq. (the first of Her Majesties Council of this Province) at his House at Brookhaven.

The Pensylvania Post came in the 18th instant: There has been very deep Snows to the Westward, & no Travelling for some Weeks.

Gravenraedt arrived here last week from Boston.

The Ship Dove for London will Sail from hence this week for Piscataqua to joyn the Convoy.

Outward Bound, Dunscum, Dehaert & Watkins for Barbadoes, Bill, Bonnin and Newenhusen for Curacoa, Gravenraedt & Keirstead for Boston, and Robert for Jamaica.

Yesterday arrived here James Cebra from Jamaica, came from thence in October last, & after had been out 20 days, was obliged by strong Northerly Winds to Return to Portmorant, from whence he

Sailed the 16th Decemb. he came last from the Isle of Thera, one of the Bohemia Islands and says, that the people of Providence live scatter'd like the Indians in Hutts, have a house for the day, & another in the Woods for the night, & that the Spaniards do often come among the Islands. One Edwards of Boston and Crew are come Passengers; the first lost his Sloop among the Islands some time last Fall.

Capt. *Balling* Commander of a Privateer Briganteen from *Jamaica* of 12 Guns, & 110 men, being Cruising off St. *La Vere De Cruce*, the Spaniards fitted out to take him; a Briganteen with 120 men, & a Sloop of 70, as they approached, *Balling* made sail & run between them, & fired a Broadside & a Volley of small Shot into the Sloop, & immediately Tack'd & laid the *Spanish* Briganteen aboard & took her, & afterwards Chased the Sloop & took her also; the Briganteen being old he burnt, but the Sloop he brought up to *Jamaica*.

There are 4 men of War at *Jamaica*, one of them call'd the Maremaid in *Decemb.* last took a *French* Ship of greater force than her self, loaden with Wines and Brandy, *&c.* which is said to be a rich Prize & brought her to *Port-Royal.*

Several Sloops that have been out with design to Trade with the *Spaniards* were returned without effecting it, and brought back their Flower, *&c.*

New-port Rhode-Island, March 1. *John Richards* arrived here in 6 Weeks from the Bay of *Hundoras*, who says that the Bay of *Campeachy* was cut off in *October* last. Cleared Outward bound, *Smith* for *Suranam*, & *Ransford* for *Barbadoes*. Entered Outward Bound, *Jacob Legay* for *Barbadoes*.

Boston, On *Tuesday* arrived here *Thomas Ball* from *Montserat* 25 days Passage, by whom we have the following Advice, That Capt. *Moules* Commander of a Briganteen Private Man of War from *Barbadoes*, has had several Rencounters with the *French* Privateers near that Island, in one of which he had kill'd *Lambert* one of their Captains, and several of his men; the next day he shot off both the Legs of another Privateer Captain. The Cartell[69] is settled between *Martinico* and the Leward Islands man for man, but the Governour of *Barbadoes* would not settle it till he had Orders from *England*, Capt. *Turell* & *Perkins* both of this place are carried into *Martinico*. There is a Bark and Briganteen seized at *Suranam* belonging to this place on suspicion of some of our Vessels bringing off a person contrary to their Law, A Pacquet Boat from *England* was arrived at *Monserat* just as he came away. Capt. *Ellery* & several other Masters are gone for *France*. A *Carolina* Privateer took a *French* Privateer

69 See News-Letter No. 52 *post*, under Advertisements.

off of St. *Thomas* about the last of *January*, who had on board 11000 Pieces of Eight, and loaden with Cocoa: They shared at St. *Thomas's* 150 *l.* a man; he had been but 5 weeks out. A *New-York* Privateer off of *Guardilup*, was laid on Board by a *French* Privateer of 70 men, who supposed the *York* man to be a Merchant man, but to his cost found him a *Tartar;* The *New-York* man took her & mann'd her, and he is gone with her, and his own Vessel in Company of the *Carolina* Privateer, and Capt. *Halsey*, four in Consort for the Coast of Crocus. Three days before *Ball* came away, there was a Flag of Truce[70] sent to *Martinico* with 100 *French* men to be exchanged.

On *Friday* the 9th Currant, His Excellency went for His Government of *New-Hampshire.*

On Wednesday the 28th of *February*, *Jonathan Squire*, Baker, was struck Overboard by the Boom of a Sloop in the Harbour, and drowned.

Entered Outward Bound, *Thomas Ball* for *Plimouth*, *Devereux* for *Newfoundland*, *Noyse* for *Madera*, & *Darby* for *Pensilvania.* Coasters, *Bracket* and *Webber* for *Piscataqua.* Foreign Inwards, Capt. *Michael Gill* from *Lisbon.* Cleared Outwards, *Estes* for *London*, and *Hart* for *Newfoundland.*

Piscataqua, *March 8th.* Our Forces under the Command of Lieut. Col. *Hilton*, & Major *Walton* returned last night from *Narigwalk* the Head Quarters of the Eastern Indians, who advise of a large Fort, Meeting-house & School-house that were there erected, the Fort encompassed 3 quarters of an acre of ground built with Pallisado's, wherein were 12 Wigwams but no Enemy; neither the discovery of any Tracks seen, but of 3 or 4 supposed to be there about 3 weeks since, no plunder excepting a few Household Utensils of little value: The Meeting-house was Built of Timber 60 Foot long, 25 Foot wide, & 18 Foot studd ceiled with Clapboards, in it were only a few old Popish Relicks; the School-house lay at one end distinct, all which they burnt, near to it was a Field of Corn ungathered, which may be imputed to the Enemy's desertion by the consternation that seized them at the Ransacking of the Eastern *French* & *Indian* Settlements the last Summer, our men hail and lusty and if need were, fit for a new Enterprize.[71]

Capt. *Morice*[72] in Her Majesties Ship the *Advice* designs to Sail

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70 See News-Letter Nos. 49, paragraph, "*Boston*, in our Number 47" etc.; and 52 *post*, under Advertisements: also foot-note to the latter.

71 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 447, in account of operations to the Eastward.

72 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.

for *England* with the Mast-Ships and Merchant men under his Convoy, on *Fryday* the 16th Instant.

[No advertisements in this number.]

A. E. Numb. 48.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday March 12. to Monday March 19. 1704, 5.

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[ON the first page of this issue are the speech of the queen opening parliament, and a proclamation of Governor Dudley for a general Thanksgiving for the victory at Blenheim. On the second page is foreign news from London, Hague and elsewhere, and two thirds of a column of domestic news.]

By His EXCELLENCY *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England.*

A PROCLAMATION for a General Thanksgiving.[73]

IT *having pleased Almighty GOD of His Great Goodness and Mercy, to Afford His Protection and Assistance to Her Sacred Majesty in the Just War. In which, for the common Safety of Her Majesties Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of* France, *Her Majesty is now Engaged; And hath given to Her Majesties Armes, in conjunction with Her Allies, under the Command of His Grace the Duke of* Marlborough, *Captain General of Her Majesties Land Forces, a Signal and Glorious Victory, over the* French *and* Bavarian *Forces at* Blenheim *near* Hockstet *in* Germany.

And such Great and Publick Blessings calling for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgements.

I do, by Her Majesties Especial Command, Order and Appoint, That a General THANKSGIVING *to Almighty* GOD, *for these His Mercies, be Religiously Observed throughout these Provinces, upon* Thursday *the Twelfth of* April *next; Exhorting both Ministers and People in their Publick Assemblies on the said Day, most Devoutly to Celebrate the Praises of Almighty* GOD, *for His so Great Favours and Blessings bestowed.*

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73 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 466-467.

Given at *Boston* the Eighth Day of *March*, 1704. In the Fourth Year of Her Majesties Reign.

By His Excellency's
Command, *J. DUDLEY.*
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

AS also His Excellency our Governour on said Day in Obedience to Her Majesties Especial Command, Issued forth another Proclamation referring to Navigation. That whereas by the Laws in Force for Navigating Ships and Vessels, 'tis required that the Master and three fourth parts of the Mariners at least be *English;* yet by a clause of an Act of Parliament, passed in the Third Year of Her Majesties Reign, Entituled, *An Act for Recruits*, &c. *'Tis Enacted therein:* That during this present War and no longer, the Limitation to the Master and three fourths of the Mariners to be *English*, shall be enlarged to the Master, and one Moiety of the Mariners at least to be *English*. His Excellency Charges and Requires all Officers of the Customs, Naval Officers, & others Imployed or Concerned in and about Trade and Navigation within these *Provinces*, to take notice of the said Act and to the Observance thereof during this present War, and to conform themselves accordingly.

Piscataqua, March 16. The Briganteen in which our Governour was on Board, being on Saturday last at noon within two miles of our Harbour, and a most violent Storm coming up, we thought it impossible the Briganteen could be saved, which put us all here into a very great Consternation, but last night by an Express from his Excellency at Cape Anne, we had the glad tydings of his safe arrival there, which caused an universal rejoycing here.[74]

The bad weather which we lately had has retarded the Mast Ships being ready so soon as was Expected, and Capt. Morrice[75] in Her Majesties Ship the Advice designs to Sail for England on Thursday the 22d. Currant with the Mast-Ships, and others under his Convoy.

Capt Bullard arrived last Night at the Isle of Shoals from Barbadoes to Saltitudoes, and from thence hither in Five Weeks, loaden with Salt.

Boston, *Monday* the 12th Instant, being the Annual Election-day of Town Officers. There was Chosen to Serve as Select or Townsmen Mesieurs *Timothy Clark*, *John Marrion*, *John Barnet*, *Daniel Oliver*, **Elias Heath*, *Thomas Fitch*, *Thomas Jackson*, **Daniel Pound-*

74 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , relating the circumstances of the governor's journey, Vol. VIII, p. 466.

75 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.

dyed in *Boston* by this last Visitation is about *three hundred and twenty*, which is not perhaps half so many as fell by the former. The Time of its being most *General*, was in the Months *June*, *July*, and *August*, then 'twas that sometimes in some one Congregation on a Lords-day there would be Bills desiring prayers for above an *hundred Sick*. It seized upon all sorts of people that came in the way of it, it infected even *Children in the bellies of Mothers that had themselves undergone the Disease many years ago*; for some such were now born full of the Distemper. 'Tis not easy to relate the Trouble and Sorrow that poor *Boston* has felt by this *Epidemical Contagion*. But we hope it will be pretty nigh Extinguished, by that time twelve month when it first began to Spread. It now unhappily spreads in several other places, among which our Garrisons in the *East* are to be reckoned some of the greatest Sufferers.

Altho' *Boston* did a few weeks ago, meet with a Disaster by *Fire*, which consumed about *twenty Houses* near the *Mill-Creek*, yet about midnight, between the sixteenth and seventeenth of this Instant, *another Fire* broke forth near the *South-Meeting-House*, which consumed about five or six houses, and had almost carried the Meeting-house it self, one of the fairest Edifices in the Country, if God

Quebeck, they would pass the *Lake*, and by Land make a Descent upon Mount *Real*. Accordingly this Colony with some assistance from our kind Neighbours of *Plimouth*; fitted out an Army of near *five and twenty hundred men*, and a Navy of two and thirty Sail; which went from hence the beginning of the last *August*, under the Command of the Honourable Sir *William Phips*.

In the mean time the *English* Colonies & Provinces in the West raised Forces, the Numbers whereof have been reported five or six hundred. The Honourable General *Winthrop* was in the Head of these, and advanced within a few miles of the *Lake*; He there had some good Number of *Mauna's* to joyn his Forces, but contrary to his Expectation, it was found that the Canoo's to have been ready for the Transportation of the Army over the *Lake*, were not prepared, and the other Nations of Indians, that should have come to this *Campaign*, sent their Excuses, pretending that the Small-pox was among them, and some other Trifles. The General Meeting with such vexing disappointments, called a Council of War, wherein it was agreed, That it was impossible for them to Prosecute their Intended Expedition. However he dispatched away the *Mauna's* to the *French Territories*, who returned with

young man belonging to the House where the fire began, unhappily perished in the Flames; it seems that tho' he might sooner awake than some others who did escape, yet he some way lost those Wits that should have taught him to help himself. Another was that the best furnished PRINTING-PRESS, of those few that we know of in *America*, was lost; a loss not presently to be repaired.

There lately arrived at *Piscataqua*, one *Papoon* from *Penobscot*, in a small Shallop, wherein he had used to attend upon the pleasure of *Casteen*, but took his oportunity to run away, and reports: That a Vessel of small Bulk bound from *Bristol* to *Virginia*, having been so long at Sea, till they were prest with want, put in at *Penobscot* instead of *Piscataqua*, where the *Indians* and *French* seized her, and Butchered the Master, and several of the men: but that himself who belonged unto the Ships Crew, being a *Jersey*-man, was more favourably used, & found at length an advantage to make his Escape.

The chief discourse of this month has been about the affairs of the Western Expedition against *Canada*. The *Albanians*, *New-Yorkers* and the *five Nations* of *Indians*, in the *West*, had long been pressing of the *Massachusets*, to make an Expedition by Sea, into *Canada*, and still made us believe, that they staged for us, and that while we assaulted for any *English* to approve. The General coming back to *Albany*, there happened a misunderstanding, between him and the Lieutenant Governour of *New-york*, which occasioned much discourse, but produced not those effects which were feared of it. Where lay the bottom of these miscarriages, is variously conjectured, if any people further West than *Albany*, have been Tampering with the Indians, to desert the business of *Canada*, we hope time will discover it. And if Almighty God will have *Canada* to be subdu'd without the assistance of those miserable Salvages, in whom we have too much confided, we shall be glad, that there will be no Sacrifice offered up to the Devil, upon this occasion; God alone will have all the Glory.

'Tis possible, we have not so exactly related the Circumstances of this business, but this Account, is as near exactness, as any that could be had, in the midst of many various reports about it.

Another late matter of discourse, has been an unaccountable destruction befalling a body of *Indians*, that were our Enemies. This body of *French Indians* had a Port somewhere far up the River, and a party of *Maqua's* returning from the *East Country*, where they have at a great rate pursued and terrified those *Indians* which have been invading of our *North-East Plantations*, and Killed their General *Hope Hood* among the rest; resolved

ing, and *Joseph Prout*, who is also Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. And the Overseers of the Poor are, *Simeon Stoddard*, *Thomas Brattle*, *Thomas Palmer*, *Samuel Lynd*, Esquires. Captains, *Ephraim Savage*, *William Clark*, Mesieurs *Elizur Holyoke*, *John Borland*, *Benjamin Walker*, *Henry Deering*, *Stephen Minot* and *Will. Wellsteed*. There was also Chosen Eight Constables, 4 whereof have Fined, so must adjourn their Names till they are compleated at a new Election. There was also Chosen 16 Thything-men, 4 Surveyors of High-ways, 3 Sealers of Leather, 6 Scavingers, 4 Hog-Reeves, and 4 Fence viewers.

Those that have this Mark * before their Names are new Officers.[76]

On Thursday last, We had the good News of the Governour's being safe Arrived in Cape Anne Harbour, having been forced to Cutt away all the Masts of the Briganteen upon which he was Imbarqued, and Ride under Cape Anne four days in an extraordinary Storm of Wind; but the Briganteen being New and her ground Tackle Good, she was Saved from falling upon the Rocks of that Cape to the Leward all that time; And is now returned to this place to the great Rejoycing of all Her Majesties good Subjects of both the Provinces.[77]

Entered Outward Bound, *Hathorn* for *Newfoundland*, *Cornish* for *Pensilvania*. Coasters Inwards, *Hedge* from *Cape-Cod*, *Lewis* from *Barnstable*, *Hedge* from *Yarmouth*, & *Coffin* from *Nantucket*. Coasters Outwards, *Lathrop* and *Loring* for *Conecticut*. Foreign Inwards, *Goddard* from *Fyall*. Cleared Outwards, *Waters* for *Newfoundland*, and *Cutler* for *Pensilvania*.

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. Numb. 49.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday March 19. to Monday March 26. 1705.

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[FOREIGN news fills three columns of this issue and domestic news one column, the former being of preceding September and October dates, from London, Hague, Turin, Vienna, Geneza, Basle, Dantzick and other capitals.]

76 According to the Boston town records, in the list of selectmen, Barnet should be Barnerd, and Pounding, Powning; in the list of overseers of the poor, Lynd should be Lynde, Deering should be Dering, and Wellsteed should be Welsteed; and William Clark is to be classed with the Messieurs instead of with the Captains: see A Report of the Record Commissioners of the City of Boston, containing the Boston Records from 1700 to 1728, p. 32.

77 See foot-note 74 *ante*. See Sewall's record in his Diary, under dates March 15-17, 1704-5, respecting the governor's "providential deliverance."

New-Port Rhode Island, March 19. Monday the 12th Instant, being a very Stormy day of Thunder, Lightning, Wind & Rain; The last flash of Lightning and clap of Thunder that fell about 12 a Clock at noon, broke on or near the House of Mr. Tho. Brooks near the Northermost end of this Town, it almost broke down the South-end of his House, tearing the Clapboards off in several places, broke several Windows to pieces, and the Glass broke the plank clear through in several places of the Sides, and tore the Clapboards off the sides three or four foot wide, broke down most of the Tonnel of his Chimney, shiver'd several of the main Rafters all in pieces, it left an impression of the colour as though it had been rubb'd with Powder, and caus'd a smell of Sulphur all over the House; and though the man of the House was lying on a Bed just by a Window that was shivered all to pieces, and his Wife looking out at the door, yet they received no damage in their persons, it started the shelter over the Cellar door three inches out of his place, kill'd some Fowls in the Henrost, broke the Eggs under them, drove one Fowl up in the Air, which fell down dead. It broke a Bolt of Iron almost an inch thick, besides several other observations.

On the 15th, Veal and Waters entered from Boston, Moses Butterworth from Barbadoes, last from Boncyr with Salt, says, That Capt. Halsy was at Coracoa in Consort with Capt. Claver and Peniston, bound for the Coast of Caracos; Capt. Halsy had taken a Barque-a-longo, and some Canoo's Loaden with Cocoa.[78] Entered from New-York, Emey and Cartell in Sloops, and Allen from Connecticut.

Marshfield, March 19. *On Fryday* last the 16th Currant, Dyed the Reverend Mr. *Edward Thompson*, Pastor of this place, and was buryed this day.

Province of the Massachusetts-Bay
By the GOVERNOUR and COUNCIL[79]

W*Hereas by Her Majesties Especial Command to His Excellency, which He received while He was absent on his Voyage* Eastward, *There was a Proclamntion Issued for a General* THANKSGIVING *upon* Thursday *the Twelfth of* April *next, for the Causes therein mentioned.*

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78 Captain John Halsey of the briganteen "Charles," the "private war vessel" which the pirate Quelch and his company seized (see foot-note 38, News-Letter No. 14, 1704 *ante*), now refitted and again as a privateer. Reprinted, together with later items from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 526, 529. See News-Letter Nos. 53, 59, 60, 63 *post*.

79 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 467. See foot-notes 74 and 77 *ante*.

Since which, the Forces *that were sent to* Noridewock, *being well returned, and found the Enemy fled, and their Fort deserted: And His* Excellency *being very wonderfully Preserved from Shipwreck, by the good Providence of Almighty* GOD.

It's Ordered

That the above-said Day be duly Observed for Publick THANKS-GIVING; *And these Causes are Recommended for Solemn Acknowledgements on the same.*

Council-Chamber in *Boston*,
March 19*th*, 1704. Isaac Addington, *Secr.*

Boston, In our Number 47. We gave you an account of a Flag of Truce sent from the Leward Islands to *Martinico* with 100 *French* Prisoners to be Exchanged: And by *Norris* and *Cook* this week arrived from *Montserat*, we are acquainted, that there was an exchange made; several of our Prisoners came home with them, & the Flag of Truce was gone a second time to exchange all that belonged to the Leward Islands, or that was taken bound thither.[80]

In our Number 11. We gave you the Bill of Mortality for the then three preceeding years, to which we refer you; and because it may be of useful Information, we give you here that of this last Year, 1704. of Persons which were Buried in the Town of *Boston*, besides those who dyed abroad, many of the Inhabitants of *Boston* having their Employments at Sea, are not reckoned in this Catalogue.

March	19	July	32	November	14	55
April	9	August	21	December	22	82
May	8	September	16	January	21	66
June	19	October	13	February	9	
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Entered Outward Bound, *Stevins* for *Nevis*, *Deane* for *Surranam*, *Laurence & Wilson* for *Barbadoes*, *Sears* for *London*, *Smallage* for *New-York*, *Goddard* for *Madera*, and *Sharp* for *Newfoundland*. Coasters Inwards, *Gardner* from *Nantucket*, *Baker & Rogers* from *Cape-Cod*, *Parker* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Philbrick* for *Hampton*, and *Gardner* for *Saybrook*. Foreign Inwards, *Deane* from St. *Turtuda*, *Cook & Norris* from *Montserat*, *Richards* from *Hundoras*, *Codman* from *Fyall*, *Parker* from *Pensilvania*, and *Gold* from *North-Carolina*. Cleared Outwards, *Monsau* for Barbadoes, *Moses* and *Cormer* for *London*.

80 See News-Letter Nos. 47 and 49 *ante* and 52 *post:* and in the latter, foot-note 86.

Piscataqua, March 23. The Fleet bound for *England*, under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice*, Capt. *Morrice*[81] Commander, will Sail the middle of next week.

Advertisement.

AN able healthy Negro Woman about 22 *Years of Age to be Sold, Enquire at the Post Office in* Boston, *and know further.*

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday March 26. to Monday April 2. 1705

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[THE first page and part of the second are filled with important foreign news which is of preceding October dates from London, Hague, Hamburgh, Vienna, Turin and elsewhere. Domestic news items, several of which are of exceptional character, occupy only one and a half columns.]

Port-Royal in Jamaica, Decemb. 27th. Five Vessels are arrived here from Boston in N. England, viz. Bodwin on the 21st Currant, Wing the 22d, Shoot the 24th, and Hoddy and Marshal the 25th. Lumber is in great demand here, as Staves, Hoops, Boards, &c. To morrow several Vessels design to Sail for England. The Dutch our Rivals in Trade upon the Coast of New Spain, where they swarm, have almost worm'd us out of Trade; our Vessels that went a Trading had all or most of them Commissions against the French and Spaniards, and expressly forbid by our Governour, to molest the Spaniards on Land at all, or on Sea while they were on a Trading Account; which though they strictly observ'd, yet our cunning Rivals improv'd it very much to our disadvantage, suggesting to the Spaniards that 'twas absolutely unsafe for them to deal with those that had a Commission, to make them, and what was theirs a lawful Prize: And thereby have so far gained their ends, that till some other measures are taken, we are like to have little or no Trading with them. However, tho Trade is dull, the Building of Port-Royal goes on briskly; and many stately Houses daily setting up, our Church far better than was before the Fire.

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81 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.

Philadelphia, March 5. On Thursday last arrived here a Sloop from Virginia, who saw on the Monday before 6 or 7 Ships Enter into the Capes of Virginia. And this day arrived another Sloop from thence, who says, That about 16 Sail of Bristol and Leverpool Ships were just arrived, & had about 5 weeks passage. And that Letters from London did say, That the London Fleet from Virginia would not Sail till August next. It's said there was the greatest pressing of men in England that was ever known. A Sloop belonging to New-York was forced on Shore at the Horekills, and Peter Vanderscure the Pilot was froze to death. Last week two Sloops Sail'd for Virginia, one of them belong'd to Rhode-Island, Peter Bourdin Master.

Philadelphia, March 19. The 12th Currant 3 persons were drowned by the oversetting of a Wherry coming from Burlington hither, 5 other persons in it were saved. On the 15th arrived Capt. Bunker from Jamaica, but last from Exuma, with about 2000 bushels of Salt; he left Jamaica about the 1st of January last, and came out in Company with about 15 Sail bound for England. On the 18. arrived one Young from Fyall & St. Georges about 7 weeks passage, who saw a Vessel (supposes a Sloop by her bigness) about 200 Leagues at Sea, with her Keel uppermost, & thinks her not to be long overset, & met with several things floating on the Sea within 2 or 3 leagues off her. One Stevins arrived in 5 weeks from the Maderas, who says, that one Bignel for this place sailed 10 days before him, but is not yet arrived, Stevins spoke with 2 Bristol Ships at Sea bound for Virginia, who came out of Plimouth with the East-India Fleet, with 16 Sail of Vessels bound for Virginia, & other parts of the Main, among which was Capt. Bunman in a Briganteen from London bound hither. One Stabbel arrived from Bermuda, by whom we are acquainted that one Harriot & another whom we expected from Barbadoes were both there; And that George Palmer in a Briganteen from London (that came out with our last Ships from thence) bound hither: And Capt. Brereton whom we expected last Fall from Jamaica, both which we gave up for lost, are put in to Carolina.

New-York, March 12. The Dove, *John Wilde* Master, lies at the watering place waiting for a fair Wind for *Piscataqua*, to joyn the Convoy for *England*. Vessels outward bound are 2 Sloops for *Curacoa*, a Ship & Briganteen for *Barbadoes*, 2 Sloops for *Jamaica* & *Carolina*, *Kersteed* & *Gravenrad* for *Boston*.

New York, March 23.

On the 15th arrived here Capt. *Joline* in 20 days from *Jamaica*, & says, one *Bodwin* of *Boston* came out with him, who is bound for *London*, & Kept him Company till within these 8 days. That a

Privateer of *Jamaica* had brought in there 2 rich Prizes. That a Pacquet Boat from *England* arrived there 5 days before he Sailed, and Advises that 35 Sail of the *Barbadoes* homeward bound Fleet was taken in Port *Lewis* & St. *Malo's*. That Capt. *Penniston* a Privateer from hence was upon the Coast of *Carocus*, & had taken several Prizes, *viz:* several Periagars loaden with *Cocoa*, a *French* Ship of 150 Tons loaden with Sugar, Indigo, Cocoa, and Cassia Fistula bound from *Martinico* to *France*, and had sent her to *Bermudos;* That he had also taken a Privateer of 40 men & 8 Guns, & carried her in to *Nevis*. On the 19th arrived here *Peter Leach* in a Briganteen from *Nevis* in 23 days, confirms the taking of so many of our *West-India* homeward bound Fleet; & that Capt. *Penniston* had sent in there a *French* Snow, and that *Penniston* lost 3 men in the Engagement, and that he has fitted the *Snow* for a Privateer, who is new and an incomparable Sailor, and calls her the *Revenge Gally*. That Brigadier *Mathews*, General of the *Leward Islands* is dead. That Mr. *Weaver*, Agent for the *Guinea* Company at *Gamboa* was kill'd, and the Factory taken by one *Henry Bolton*.

Portsmouth New-Hampshire, *March* 30 Last *Monday* 3 Indians were discovered at Cape *Porpos* by a Fishing Boat, and the day after the same Tracks observed near *Wells*.

Capt. *Morrice*[82] Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice* with the Mast-Ships, and other Vessels under his Convoy for *England* imbraces the first fair Wind.

Boston, Our Governour has had Letters of the 8th of *February*, *via Albany* from the Messengers sent by His Excellency to *Quebeck*, in order to exchange Prisoners, who were then within a few days of *Montreal*.[83]

By Letters from Bodwin *wrote at Sea that came per* Joline *via* New-York *are acquainted*, *that* Ventiman *&* Green *both from* Boston *were arrived at* Jamaica *in* February *last ere he came out.*

On the 1st Currant came in here a *French* Sloop with *French* Colours abroad, wherein were 9 *French* men, 6 whereof say, they were Souldiers at *Port-Royal*, and deserted because of some hard usage, and that they could get no Pay: The other three say, That they were forced by the other six, who ran away from *Minas* with the Sloop which was bound for *Port-Royal*, and has on board some 3 or 4 hundred

82 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.

83 Captain John Livingston of Connecticut and John Sheldon of Deerfield, the commissioners, and John Wells of Deerfield, their attendant. Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 500. Also see Sheldon's History of Deerfield, Vol. I, pp. 325, 326. See News-Letter Nos. 56, 60, 61, 64 *post*.

bushels of Wheat and other Grain; several Cask and other Things: The *French* men and Sloop are secured by his Excellency the Governour.

Entered Outward Bound, *Cook* and *Norris* for *Montserat*, *Tay* and *Chamberlin* for *Newfoundland*, *Coffin* for *Madera*, and *Eaglestone* for *Nevis*. Coasters Inwards, *Allen* from *Saybrook*, and *Hilliard* from *Millford*. Coasters Outwards, *Hedge* for *Connecticut*, *Darby*, *Holmes*, *Cornish* and *Starky* for *Pensilvania*, & *Parker* for *New-York*. Foreign Inwards, *Thomas* from St. *Turtuda*, and *Pitts* from *Virginia*. Cleared Outwards, *Adams*, *Worthilegg* and *Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*, and *Pitts* for *Nevis*.

Advertisement.

[Reprinted: sale of a negro woman as in March 26.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 2. to Monday April 9 1705.

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[MISCELLANEOUS foreign news, from Turin, Hague, Lisbon, Berlin, Vienna and elsewhere, fills the two columns on the first page of this issue. On the second page there is given a tabulated list of the losses which the allied forces sustained in the battle of Blenheim; and then there follows three quarters of a column of domestic news.]

Port-Royal in *Jamaica*, *Febr.* 19. Capt. *Venteman* from *Boston* arrived here the 7th Instant. Three days ago arrived Capt. *Reed* in the *Prudent Sarah* from *London:* The same day Capt. *Halsy* came here to get Intelligence and to procure some Necessaries, who designs to Sail a Cruising in 2 or 3 days. This day arrived the Packet Boat, who brings us certain Intelligence of our Confederate Forces taking of *Landau;* As also of the raising of the Siege of *Gibraltar* by Sir *John Lake*, who beat the *French* Fleet that besieged it by Sea, & sinking several of the Enemy's Ships, upon which the Army that lay before it by Land, drew off. On the 17th Instant, *Tew*, *Hoddy* & *Shute's* Bark Sailed for the Bay of *Hundoras* in Company with 3 *New-York* Vessels bound for the same Port.

New-York, *April* 2 Yesterday arrived Capts. *Basset* & *Depue* in a Briganteen and Sloop from *Madera* in 6 weeks who say, that Sir *Cloudsly Shovel* is to Command the Fleet in the *Streights* this

Summer. That Capt. *Thinhoven* who Sailed from *Bristol* for this Port in *September* last was taken and carried into *France*. Vessels Outward Bound are, *Teller* for *Pensilvania*, *Joline* for *Jamaica*, *Creago & Newenhuysen* for *Curacoa*, *Perkins* for *Barbadoes*, *Leach* for *Nevis*, *Cebra* for *Antigua*, and *Gravenraedt* for *Boston*.

New-Port Rhode-Island, April 6. Yesterday arrived here Capt *William Wanton* in 19 days from *Antigua* who say, The French Privateers are very thick about *Antigua*, and take a great many Vessels.

Portsmouth N Hampshire, April 6. This day Capt. *Morrice*[84] Commander of Her Majesties Ship the Advice, Sayled from *N. Castle*, bound for *England*, with the Vessels under his Convoy, *viz.* The two Mast-Ships, Capts. *Eason* and *Martin*, 6 Merchant men, *viz.* Capts. *Balston*, *Corney*, *Charnock*, *Vincent*, *Thomas* and *Wilde* (from *N. York* that arrived here the 1st. Currant,) 2 *Briganteens*, *Troy & Estes*, 2 *Ketches*, *Almery & Waterhous*, 2 *Sloops*, *Sears* and *Ball*.

Boston, On Monday last was Launched here, the Province *Galley*' who will be ready to Sail a Cruising in 4 or 5 days.[85] The talk of French Privateers being on our Coast this Week, was occasioned by Capt. *Wilde* of *New-York's* desiring to speak with some Fishing Shallops he met with to be informed by them if the Fleet for *England* was gone, and to get a Pilot for *Piscataqua*, whom the Shallops took to be a Privateer, and fled from him, and another Vessel that went hence for *Newfoundland*. *Wing* from *Jamaica* is arrived at *Martha's Vineyard*, and *Moor* from St. *Turtuda*, arrived here the 8th Currant.

Entered Outward Bound, *Flint* and *Codman* for *Barbadoes*, *Carket* for *Fyall*, *Wright* and *Chamberlin* for *Newfoundland*, *Green* for *Jamaica*, and *Adams* for *Antigua*. Coasters Inwards, *Bracket & Wair* from *Piscataqua*, *Coffin* from *Nantucket*, & *Blin* from *Guilford*. Outwards, *Flood* for *Piscataqua:* Foreign Inwards, *Green* from *Jamaica*, and *Plasted* from *Nevis*. Cleared Outwards, *Cook* for *Nevis* and *Chamberlin* for *Newfoundland*.

Advertisement.

THis Publick Printed News-Letter was undertaken to be Published for a Publick Good, to give a true Account of all Foreign and Domestick Occurrences, and to prevent a great many false reports

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84 Maurice. See foot-note 63 *ante*.

85 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 504. Therein are narrated the circumstances under which this new "galley" or ship of war was built by the Province. The vessel was hurried for launching by reports of two vessels sighted off the coast, believed to be French privateers.

of the same, and was propounded to be Printed for one year for a tryal viz. from the 14th of April last, to the 1st of May next, to see if the Income by the Sale thereof at a moderate price would be sufficient encouragement to defray the necessary Charge expended in the procuring and Printing of the same, which Charge is considerable beyond what most people conceive it to be, besides the trouble and fatigue attending it; all which would be too long here to enumerate, yet for some satisfaction, we will venture to set down some of the Charges and trouble that arises thereby, & leave other-some to rational persons to conceive of.

1. The Undertaker has several setts of the several Prints from England, & sent him in several Vessels, that being time of War might have one sett if the rest should be taken, which are ordered to come by all Vessels coming to our Continent where the Post is settled almost 500 miles from E. to W. from N Hampshire to Pensilvania. 2. Correspondents settled in several other Ports & places our Shipping goes to, for sending Intelligence. 3. Waiting on Masters, Merchants and others when Ships & Vessels arrive to have from them what Intelligence they can give. 4. Waiting on His Excellency or Secretary for approbation of what is Collected. 5. Paper & Printing, &c. And when so done as we said before, we set the half Sheet at a more moderate price than it was set at in Exeter in England, where they began to Print much about the same time that we began here, here it was set at 2d. and there it was at 2d. and that sterling money, & when sent out to any house in Town inclosed, they were to have Twenty Shillings per Annum, and it was propounded here to be sent out for Twelve Shillings per Annum, tho' the paper and labour, & other Charges here is 4 times at least dearer than it is at Exeter. And tho' it was proposed at such moderate Rates for both Town & Country, having had 11 months experience of the Income, & trouble & charge in procuring & Printing it; the Undertaker is money out of Pocket, & has not sufficient to defray the necessary Charge; and unless some better encouragement be given for the future, it must drop: & therefore several being desirous it should not drop but be continued, we thought fit to insert this Advertisement, That either the price for the half Sheet a week, and the Quarterly and Yearly Customers must be augmented, or else there must be more of them Sold, and more Quarterly & Yearly Customers than was last year. And therefore all Persons in Town and Country, in this & the Neighbouring Provinces who have not already paid according to their agreement for this Currant Year for said News-Letter, are now desired to do it: And those also who have a mind to encourage the supporting & printing of the said publick News-Letter for another Year, are hereby Advertised by word or writing to agree with John

Campbell Post-Master of Boston for the same: That before the Year is elapsed it may be known if it can be undertaken for the next.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday April 9. to Monday April 16. 1705.

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[THE death of the duchess dowager of Holstein, sister to Prince George of Denmark, is reported from Hamburg, and there are small items of news from London, Plymouth, Falmouth, Vienna and elsewhere.]

Suranam, *Jan.* 27. Here is a Proclamation come over from *Holland* emitted by the Directors of the Assembled Society of *Suranam*, Dated at *Amsterdam* the 25th of *April*, 1704: Granting Liberty to Foreign Vessels to Trade here, at the earnest request and Solicitations of the Governour, Council and Inhabitants of this place, under such restrictions and limitations following, and the payment of such Duties, *viz. It is Statuted and Ordained*, That from henceforth in the Colony of *Suranam*, Foreign Vessels shall be suffered and admitted with Horses from *New-England*, *N. Netherland*, *viz. New-York* and the other Neighbouring Islands and Coasts or Territories, and that the Masters of such Vessels for themselves and with their Ships and Lading, have liberty to Trade with the Inhabitants as they shall think meet, observing and regulating themselves according to the Laws and Statutes of the Country, and usage of the place, namely that the said Foreign Ships may not bring in or Import any *European* Manufactories of Gold, Silver, Copper, Steel, Woolens, Silk or Linens: Nor any Wheat, Rye, Barley, Oats, or Beef; nor any *East-India* Wares or Spices, upon the forfeiture of such Wares or Commodities; As also a Fine to the value of the Goods Imported. *It's also Statuted*, That the said Foreign Ships shall not Import any Slaves for Sale, or to present as a gift, under forfeiture of the same to the *West-India* Company, and a fine of 50 pieces of Eight upon the Governour for each Slave brought in and Sold here by his knowledge or connivance, other than by the Companies, & the like fine of 50 pieces of Eight upon the Buyer of such Slave. And Lastly, That the aforesaid Ships shall not Load on Board for Transportation any Sugar, which is only permitted to the Ships of the *Netherlands*, upon forfeiture of the Sugars, to the use and benefit of the Society, and over and above a fine of 300 Guilders for each Hogshead; the one half

to be paid by the Master, the other half by the Freighter. And the foresaid Foreign Vessels may only take or carry from hence Molasses, *Suranam* Brandy, saw'd Wood, as Beams, Planks and Heading, & all other Wares and Merchandize brought from the United *Netherlands* to *Suranam*. And the Masters or Supercargo's that have the management on Board each Ship, when they come with their Ships from any part else, but from the *Netherlands* upon the Rivers of the foresaid Colony before they break bulk or Unlade any Wares, shall give a true List and Inventory of their Goods & Loading to the Receiver of the Society here, signed by the Master, and Mate upon Oath, upon forfeiture of the said Goods, and a fine of the fourth part of the value of said Goods. As also the like Inventory Signed and Sworn to of the Goods they intend to Transport, upon the like forfeiture as above. And the Masters and Mates shall in their Certificates as well of the Imported as Exported Goods insert the price of the Laden Goods as they shall see cause to value them: And then it shall be free for the Governour, *Fiskal* or Receiver to accept of the said Goods at the price they set on them, yet so that in case the owners do desire said Goods, upon augmenting of the 6th part of the price they shall restore them to the Freighters, Factors, Masters or Owners of said Goods. The Masters of the foresaid Foreign Ships shall also pay to the Society or their Receivers here five *per cent* for the true value of all Goods both Imported and Exported upon the like forfeiture as abovesaid: Also that for each Horse, Cow or neat Beast brought in here shall be paid 3 Guilders money; As also each last or 2 Tons their Ships contain 3 Guilders coming in, and 3 Guilders going out, and the Receiver may cause an Apprizal of the Goods outward bound in said Ships if he pleases, and get the Ships remeasur'd And all this Liberty of Foreign Trade is by way of trial to prove the Experiment.

Port-Royal in Jamaica, March 13. Capt. Pullen is arrived here from Boston. And this day arrived Capt. Vial from Boston, but last from Curacoa, who met with Judah Thacher and Company in a Boat at Sea, (who last Fall was taken by the French in going from Jamaica to Boston) they Ran-away from the Enemy, & were almost starved; the said Thacher is alive but cannot go alone he is so weak: The rest of his Company are all dead, they lived in the Boat 11 days without meat or drink. This day Sails for London, the Richard & Sarah, and the Crocodile, Capt. Trahee Commander, and Capt. Ventiman for Boston.

N-York, April 9. Last Week arrived here *Simon Pasco*, and *Charles Sleigh* in a Bark and a Sloop from *Jamaica*, and a Sloop from *Virginia*, but bring no News. His Excellency the Ld. *Cornbury*

designs to visit the frontiers of *Albany*, and to set out on Thursday next, It was a hard Frost last night, and it blows now very hard and cold at N. West, which we fear will do great damage.

N. Port, Rhode-Island, April 13. Capt. *Wrightington* arrived here from *Providence*, [West Indies] who says, That the Governour & Collector has deserted it, and gone for *Carolina*, and also most of the Inhabitants. That the prize mentioned in the News Letter No. 50. taken by Capt. *Penistone* is Cast away upon *Abico*, and beaten all to pieces, so that they have saved nothing: The French Capt. of said Prize, and one of the Privateers that took her is now come here in *Wrightington*. *Pinly* is come from *Boncyre* with Salt. *Hicks* is cleared for *Philadelphia*, *Butterworth* and *Rosbothum* for *Barbadoes*.

Boston, On Monday last, Two Young men, John Cunibal junior a Joyner, & Robert Reinolds a Brasier, went from Boston in a small Boat to the Islands a Gunning, the Boat overset with them, & they were both drowned, Cunnibal was found in the Boat, but the other is not yet found.

By Cap. Blew (that came Passenger in Capt. Wanton from Montserat in 19 days to Rhode-Island mentioned in our last) we are acquainted that Capt. Beamsly Perkins that Sailed from Nantasket the 1st of January in a Ship of 90 Tons, 8 Guns, with 8 men & a Boy bound for Montserat, had a hot dispute the 12th of February last, with a French Privateer of 6 great Guns, and 94 men. e're he was taken: The Commanders name was Fransway; Capt. Perkins had not a man kill'd, only one dangerously wounded with a bullet in his thigh, but the French man had 22 men kill'd out-right, and all the rest dangerously wounded, except 35; After Perkins and his men cry'd for quarter, the French Capt. presented a Pistol with a brace of Bullets to his breast, but Perkins put it by with his hand, which snap'd but miss'd firing, then he stabb'd Perkins in several places with his sword, and beat him black and blue in several places of his Body: he also cut his Mates hand with a Cutlace, beat him all black and blue as he did most of the men; then turned them all ashore at St. Thomas's in a most miserable condition almost naked without Cloaths, or any thing left them to procure Doctors, being all miserably wounded. Cap. Blew brought them all up to Monserat, who are since recovered, except the one first mentioned to be dangerously wounded, he being still alive at Capt. Blew's coming away.

Entered Outward Bound, Thorpe for Jersey, Thomas for Antigua, Moor for Newfoundland, Smith for Christophers, Pitts for Virginia. Coasters Outwards, Flood for Piscataqua, Carkett for Millford. Foreign Inwards, Beans from Madera, Moor from St. Turtuda, Ventiman from Jamaica. Foreign Cleared Outwards, Norris for

Montserat, Noyes and Goddard for Madera, and Richards for Jamaica.

On the 12*th.* Instant the Weather was extraordinary Cold for the Season; the frozen Earth and Water, rather resembled *February*, than *April:* and on the 6th & 10th of this month there were severe Frosts. And on the 15th. a great Easterly Storm of Wind & Rain, which continues on Monday Morning the 16*th.* Currant at the Printing hereof.

Advertisements.

A Cartel has lately been Setled betwixt Her Majesties Government of the Leward Careeby Islands, and the *French* Government of *Martinique*, for the Restitution of Prisoners on both sides depending on each Government.

The second and third Articles whereof are in *haec verba*, viz.

That all the English *who are at present in* Martinique *& who shall be hereafter taken from any Vessels, be they Privateers or Merchant men, and brought into this Island, or other the French Windward Islands, whither they be departing from or coming into the Government of* Antigua *and the rest of the Leward Islands, shall be directly sent to the Island of* Antigua, *without being sent first to any other place, without having regard to the Quantity or Quality; which shall be observed; so there be 25 in number, without being detained more than 10 days, and 20 days when a lesser number.*

If in case some French *Prisoners have been taken and sent by the Government of* Antigua *to* New-England, *Colonel* Byam *gives his Parol of Honour to enquire after them, To the end they may be sent to* Martinique.

And His Excellency our Governour does Direct and Require all Commanders of Privateers or Merchant Vessels that Have or shall Import and bring any French *Prisoners taken in the West-Indies, into the Provinces of the* Massachusetts-Bay, *and* New-Hampshire respectively *under his Command, That they immediately render all such Prisoners to His Excellency, that he may give the necessary Orders concerning them accordingly.*[86]

ON Thursday last Dyed at Boston, James Gray, *That used to go up and down the Country Selling of Books, who left some considerable Estate behind him;*[87] *and 'tis confidently affirmed that he made a Will, which he left in some honest persons hand, with some other Papers, which have not yet been found: And any person in Town or Country*

86 Reprinted from the News-Letter together with the items marked by foot-notes 66-77 (News-Letter Nos. 47, 49 *ante*) in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 481-482.

87 At the foot of this column in the file of the New York Historical Society is this note by Judge Sewall: "Between 5 and 6 Hundred."

who have said Will or Papers, are desired to bring them unto the Office of Probates in Boston.

N. E. Numb. 53.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 16. to Monday April 23. 1705.

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[UNDER November and December dates of 1704, are news items from Vienna, Hague, Treves, London and Ratisbonne. The domestic news fills nearly one column.]

London, Decemb. 9. The *Zealandia*, a Flushing Privateer has taken and brought into *Plymouth* a French Prize of 80 Tuns, with Sugar, Cotton and Indigo from St. *Domingo.*

New-York, April 16. No Vessels are arrived here this Week. The *Pensilvania* Post was stopt here by bad Weather till *Wednesday* night, and cannot expect him till to morrow, or next day. Yesterday and Saturday was a great Storm at East, it blow'd very hard, and much Rain fell. Outward Bound are *Horton, James* and *Joseph Petty* for *Boston, Wiggin* for *Rhode-Island*, two Sloops for *Antigua* and *Jamaica;* two Briganteens for *Barbadoes* and *Nevis.* His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* goes this week for *Albany.*

Newport-Rhode-Island, April 20. Here is one *Bell* arrived from *Curacoa*, bound for *Conecticut*, who says, that Capt. *Halsy* got 30 able Sailors such as he wanted at *Jamaica.*[88]

Boston, On Wednesday the 18th. His Excellency went hence for his Government of New-Hampshire.

On Thursday arrived John Welsh in a Sloop, in 10 days from Bermuda, who in the Latitude 41 and an half upon St. Georges Bank, (in the Storm mentioned in our Last) on Monday the 16th Currant, saw the Wreck of a Vessel that was lost there, judged to be about 100 Tons in burthen, square Stern'd, painted with yellow, seem'd to be a new Vessel, he saw several full bound Barrels, some of her carved work and pieces of Boards floating about her, and some of her Masts.

On Friday the 20th Currant, arrived here Capt. Jacob Fowle in a

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88 Captain John Halsey of the briganteen "Charles," private-war-vessel. See News-Letter Nos. 49 *ante*, 59, 60, 63 *post*.

Sloop of War sent out by his Excellency, who being at Anchor under Tusket Islands about 7 leagues to the North-west of Cape Sables, espied a Sloop coming into the said Harbour, upon which he got up his Anchors, and put out French Colours, the other Sloop also put out French Colours, & came so near as to Hail Fowles, but was shie to come at him, and bore in as near the surff of the Shore as they could, and dropt Anchor; there being 5 French-men on Board, who got a Shoar in their Canoo; Fowles went to the Sloop: and the 5 French-men on Shore got behind some old Logs and Bushes and fired briskly for the space of an hour upon him and his men, endeavouring to save their Sloop; at last Fowle put out his Whale Boat and got a Shore after them, but they fled into the Woods; he found on Shore one of their Arms, and supposes that he either kill'd or wounded the Owner: The Sloop came from Port-Royal, and had on Board a Cow and a Bull, and some Sheep, and is now brought to Boston, being the same Sloop that some French-men Ran-away with from hence about 3 months ago. Cap. Fowle hath brought in also 8 French Prisoners which he since took, viz. 2 men, 1 woman & 2 Children from Port Rosua, where there was 3 Families and 7 Houses, all which Houses he burnt but two; And from L 'have a man, his wife and a Boy, and burnt the House, he got little or no plunder from them, but a few feathers: The people are like to be starved for want of Provisions.[89]

Entered Outward Bound, *John Ventiman* and *Cole* for *Jamaica*, *Alden* for *Virginia*. Coasters Inwards, *Hilton* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Thorp* for *Amboy*, & *Smallage* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *John Welsh* from *Bermuda* Outwards Cleared, *Coffin* for *Madera*, *Gale*, *Melvin* and *Lewis* for *Barbadoes*.

The Weather this Week has been very cold, with raw Easterly Winds, an on *Fryday* it blow'd very hard, and at night there fell a great deal of Rain; *Saturday* was a very moderate day, but at night and on the Sabbath-day it blow'd very hard, the Wind being Southerly.

Advertisement.

ON *Tuesday* the 15th of *May* next will be Exposed to Sale by Publick Vendue, at the House of Mr. *William Bright* in *Newport* on *Rhode-Island*, one quarter part of a Farm at the South-end of *Quananicut* Island, on which liveth now Joseph Morey; the said

89 Captain Jacob Fowle; the sloop of war: the "Centurion," employed on her majesty's service as a cruiser from the 23d of February to the 23d of April, 1705. She was sent as a scout to Acadia: see News-Letter No. 45 *ante*, in paragraph, "*Boston*, On *Wednesday the* 14th *Instant*," etc. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 458; also p. 446. Also see Penhallow's Indian Wars, p. 38. Captain Fowle had another lively sea adventure in 1704. See News-Letter No. 5 *ante*, page 75 of this volume of the DIGEST.

quarter part to be Sold to the highest Bidder, on the conditions that shall be specified at the time of the Sale.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday April 23. to Monday April 30. 1705.

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[FOREIGN matters occupy the first page, and a quarter of the second. From Hague, December 19, 1704, is the news that "the elector of Bavaria is very chagrin, upon account of the Treaty concluded by the electoress with the emperor" [of Austria]. A letter of December 12 preceding, "*From the Camp before* Traarbach," gives an account of the seige of that place. From Vienna, December 6, is a report of rejoicings there over the news of the reduction of the fortress of Landau. The domestic news includes abstract of the proclamation of the governor of New York relating to clipped money.]

Barbadoes, March 22. Two Vessels from New-England, viz. Habbakkuk Gardner from Salem, in the Essex Galley, and John Plasteed in a Briganteen from Boston, were both chased ashore on our Island by some French Privateers: most part of both their Loading's lost; and what was saved very much damnified. We are afflicted here with the Small-pox, which has swept away a great many people, both Whites and Negro's, and makes our Country people afraid to come to Town. On the 15th Instant, arrived here William Card in a Pink from Boston, as also arrived from said Port, Jeoffrey Bedgood, and Capt. Alcock from Piscataqua; and just now a Vessel with Provisions is arrived from Bellfast, we do not yet know what News she brings. No Packet has been here of a long time, but daily expected. Seven or 8 Vessels Sails this day, Welsh for Boston, 1 for Salem, 2 for Rhode-Island, 2 for New-York, and 2 for Pensilvania. Blague, Thomas and Everton will be the next for Boston.

New-York, April 23: On the 17th Currant, was Emitted by His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* a Proclamation, Prohibiting the Importation of any clipt Money of Bitts or double Bitts into this Colony, from and after the space of 14 days from the date of the said Proclamation, and that person or persons so Importing, owning or claiming the same, shall be lookt upon the Clippers thereof, & be proceeded against in such manner as the Law directs in such cases. And that if any such bitts & double bitts shall be Imported within the said 14 days abovesaid, the person or persons so Importing, Claiming

or Owning shall give sufficient security to carry out the same, before the expiration of the 14 days first above-mentioned, and such as do refuse, shall be subject to the penalties and prosecutions afore-mentioned.

On the 18th arrived one *Milburn* in 23 days in a Sloop from *Nevis*, in whom came Capt. *Thinhoven*, who left *Milford* the 14th of *January*, and informs us that Capt. *Potter* from *Holland*, bound hither, lay then in *Dover* waiting for a Convoy, he came out with the West-Country *Virginia* Fleet, being about 80 Sail; who were conveyed out of Soundings by the *Rye & Anglesey* Frigot. On the 19th. arrived here one *Freebody* from *Exuma*, with whom came 4 men that belonged to *Peniston's* Prize, 3 of whom are committed on suspicion of Piracy, for running away with, and robbing of said Prize, *&c.* such Information being given against them as we are informed. By a Sloop from *Virginia*, we are told that 3 Sloops are ashore between this and *Barnigat*, but who they are we know not. We had very dirty blowing Weather all last week. *Parker* from *Boston* arrived here last Saturday. *Thomas Byerley* Esqr. late Receiver General of this Province is suspended, & *Peter Fauconnier* Esqr. Executes that Office. His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* went for *Albany* on *Thursday* last. This week a Briganteen will Sail for *Barbadoes*, a Sloop for *Jamaica*, also this or next week a Briganteen for *Nevis*, and another for *Antigua*.

On *Wednesday* last in *Jamaica* on *Long Island*, at a Special Commission of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal-Delivery, before *Roger Mompesson* Esqr. Chief Iustice of this Province and *New-Jersey*, *&c.* and others, one *Samuel Wood*, late of *Connecticut* Colony, was Indicted for feloniously Stealing Money and other Goods of one *John Marsh;* The Witnesses for the Prisoner as well as those against him were Sworn, and upon full Evidence he was found Guilty, & burnt in the left Cheek near the Nose with the letter **T**.

New-port Rhode-Island, April 27. This week arrived *John Cranston* from *Barbadoes*, and *Gilbert* and *Burton* from *Bermuda*, but bring no News.

Portsmouth New-Hampshire, On *Fryday* the 20th Currant, came here His Excellency our Governour.

Salem, April 28th. This week arrived here Capt. *Maston* from *Barbadoes.*

Barnstaple, April 25. *On* Monday *the 16th Currant, Dyed suddenly here*, Thomas Hinkley, *Esqr. formerly Governour of* Plimouth-Colony: *Aged about 86 Years.*

Boston, Coasters Entered Inwards, Keirsteed and Horton from N-York, Grover, Curtice, Harris, Prince, Smith, Prentice, Thomas

& John Lathrop from Connecticut, and Lanyon from North-Carolina. Foreign Inwards, Nelmes and Gibbs from Bermuda, Wing and Pullen from Jamaica, Pickman from Nevis, Mason from Suranam, and Welch from Barbadoes. Coasters Cleared Outwards, Blin, Allyn and Coffin for Connecticut. Foreign Outwards, Captains Hunkin, Green, Codman, Armitage, Wensley, Balston and Holt for Barbadoes, Wright for Newfoundland, Green for Antigua, & Eagleston for Nevis. Entered Outward Bound, Cally for Leward-Islands, Plasteed for Nevis, Keirsteed for New-York, Welsh for Antigua, and Gordin for Newfoundland.

Advertisements.

R*An-away on* Monday *night last the 23d Currant from his Master* Abraham Blish *Hatter in* Boston *a young man named* William Rogers, *about 18 years of Age, of a middle Stature, fair fac'd, light coloured curl'd hair, he has a light colour'd Coat trim'd with Black, and a sad coloured Coat trim'd with the same colour, a saggathy colour'd Jacket like a Searge, and a strip't holland Jacket, with 2 pair of Breeches of the same, and 1 pair of cloth, a black Hat. Whosoever shall take up said Servant, and him safely convey to his above-said Master, or the Post-Master of* Boston, *or give any true Intelligence of him, so as his Master may have him again, shall have a sufficient Reward and Charges.*

THE Undertaker of this publick Print in Numb. 51. gave you an Advertisement of his motive to Print, of the trouble and charge attending it: and of his intentions to do it one year for tryal, which according to his ability and information received, is now accomplished; wherein you have successively all the Foreign Occurrences of Europe, from the 1st of November, 1703. to the middle of December, 1704. And if any will consult the Publick Prints of England in that time, considering that they Print 2 or 3 times in a week, & that we did Print here but once in a week; they will find no one piece of material News that is in them, omitted in ours: As also in our Prints you have the publick Occurrences from the West-Indies and other parts: and likewise those from our Neighbouring-Provinces, besides those of this and the Province of New-Hampshire. All which Intelligence, tho' some few Gentlemen and Merchants might have all or some part thereof, yet for the most part the people in general, in this and the Neighbouring Provinces,have it not,and what they have,variously, and often falsely reported: and a great many Providences now Recorded, that would otherwise be lost: And the Undertaker, tho' very sensible of his own inability for such a task, yet upon due encouragement given, is willing to try it for another year, unless some generous Soul (out of the many far better qualified, especially of those that are so apt & ready to carp at his weakness) will please

to undertake it; and no one shall be found more ready to contribute for his so doing, then the present Undertaker.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 30. to Monday May 7. 1705.

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[TWO and a half of the four columns of this issue are occupied with foreign news from London, Hague, Frankfort, Paris and Dantzick. From London, December 16, 1704, is an account of the return of the duke of Marlborough to the English capital, and his reception there.]

Philadelphia, *April* 26. On the 15 Arrived here *Carteret Gillam* from *Rhode-Island*, and on 21 *Robert Hicks* in a Sloop from the same Port: There is a Briganteen and a Sloop loading for *Fyal* and *London*. This Morning dyed the Wife of Mr. *Edward Shippen* Senior. Letters from *Plimouth*, via *Maryland* of *January* 29. say, that the *Jersey* Man of War met with bad Weather some few days after he parted with the Land, and lost some of his Convoy.

New-York, *April* 30. Yesterday came hither the Masters of the three Sloops which were Cast away near *Barnigatt*, by the late Easterly Storms, *viz*. *Archibald Morris* who was bound from *Pensilvania* for *New-York* and *Boston*, one *Jones*, who was bound from the *Horekills* to *Boston*, and one *Saunders*, bound from *Roanoak* to *Boston*, *Saunders* had one man Drowned, and saved nothing at all, & the others saved very little besides their lives.

Yesterday arrived here Capt. *Jones* in a Ship from *Bermuda*, and Capt. *Wessels* in a Sloop from *Antigua* in three Weeks, one *Pepperill* of *Boston* bound for *Piscataqua* came out in Company with him, he brings no News.

They write from *Albany* that his Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* upon his arrival at the Fronteers found all things well and in good order, we expect his return the latter end of this week.

Vessels Outward bound are *Wessels* for *Newfoundland*, *Depue* for *Jamaica*, *Sleigh* for *Suranam*, *Basset* for *Nevis*, *Parker* for *Pensilvania*, *Walker* for *Virginia*, *Stead* for St. *Thomas*, *Adolph* for *Boston*, and *Pasco* for *Jamaica*, and *Milbourn* for *Nevis*.

Boston, On *Thursday* last arrived here Capt. *John Alden* from *Lisbon* by whom we have the following Advice from *London*, [Here follows three quarters of a column of foreign news.]

Coasters, Entered Inwards, Jeffries from *Carolina*, *Rhodes* from *Amboy*, *Walters*, *Woodbury*, *Foster* and *Loring* from *Connecticut*. Foreign Inwards *Chamberlin* from *Nevis*, *Tew* from *Honduras*, *Gravenraedt* from *New-York*, *Carey* from *Antigua*, *Hunt* from *Jamaica*, and *Waters* from *Lisbonne*. Coasters, Outwards, *Lyford*, *Prentice*, *Codman*, *Curtice*, *Horton*, and *Smith* for *Connecticut*, and *Keirsteed* for *New-York*. Foreign Outwards *Moor* for *Newfoundland*. Outward bound, *Wing* for *Jamaica*, *Gibbs*, *Welsh* and *Nelmes* for *Bermuda*.

Advertisement.

NO Better qualified Undertaker appearing to Print the Publick Occurences; and several Gentlemen, Merchants and others being willing to Contribute to its support, have desired that it be proceeded on where we left off, not doubting but several others will follow their good Example, whereby the Undertaker may be enabled effectually to carry it on, at least another year: And therefore all Persons in Town and Country, who have a mind to lend their helping hand to promote and encourage it, are desired to Agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday May 7. to Monday May 14. 1705.

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[BEGINNING with a review of European affairs for the year 1704, this issue is nearly all taken up with that review and an account of the battle at St. Johns, Newfoundland. Among the domestic items are reports upon French and Indian War matters brought from Quebec.]

London, December 28. 1704.

THis year drawing near its conclusion, we shall take this opportunity, according to our usual method, to present the Reader with an Epitomie of the Transactions of the last Campaign; and endeavour to draw them into such an order, that all of them may appear in view. I am sensible that this is very difficult, if not altogether impossible, because of the many wonderful things that have been transacted this year; but as we do only design to hint at things, and not to describe them, we hope the Reader will kindly supply what shall be found wanting, especially considering what we have said at large of those Transactions in the times wherein they happen'd. [Then follows the beginning of a

resume of the foreign news of the year, filling nearly two columns of the first page.]

St. *Johns, Newfoundland, April* 21. At break of day on Sunday Morning the 21*st* of *January* last, our Harbour was beset with about Six or Seven hundred men, *viz.* French Souldiers, Inhabitants and Fishermen from *Placentia* Some *Accadians* as *Pessemequady* and *Port Royall*, and *Cannadians* from *Quebeck* and places adjacent, and 50 *N-England* Eastern Indians, with *Easecombuit* their Captain, all under the Command of Monsieur *Supercosse* Governour of *Placentia;* who made the whole Harbour Prisoners of War in two hours time excepting the Garrison which was the Fort & Castle. The Enemy the night before, lay near the Harbour in the Snow that was 6 Foot deep on the ground, and durst not make any Fires for fear of being discovered; Monsieur *Supercosse* being wet and cold gave orders in the Morning at the first Attack to give no quarters, and accordingly they kill'd all at the first houses they came to: But the *Cannadians* and *Indians* withstood Monsieur *Supercosse*, and gave quarters for a Season. The Enemy sent the Women and Children about 142 into the Garrison: They laid Siege to it five Weeks time, there was not a man that got into the Fort but three, and about 17 that got from the Southside of the Harbour into the Castle: In the Fort were only 40 men under the Command of brave Capt. *Moody*, who behaved himself most valiantly, and in the Castle were 12 Souldiers and the 17 Inhabitants under the Command of Mr. *Latham.* Monsieur *Supercosse* took a Child and barbarously cut its throat, and sent it by a Souldier with a Message to the Garrison, That if they did not Surrender to him, he would so serve all therein, and the Prisoners that he had taken; upon which Capt. *Moody* bid the Messenger be gone else he would shoot him, replying to Monsieur *Supercosse's* Message, That both himself & the men of the Fort & Castle were resolved to dye with their Sword in hand ere they Surrendered; Capt. *Moody* plyed the Enemy so with great Guns, Bombs and Morters, that there was killed of the Enemy with their own Confession between 180 and 200 men; And on our side there was but two men kill'd in the Garrison, and one at the Castle, but there was kill'd about 30 and Captivated of our men about 130 at our Harbour and other places. The Indians Murthered 7 men at *Torbay*, and the French barbarously Murthered 6 more because they could not carry so great a burthen 6 Miles through the Woods as the Enemy would have them. The Enemy finding that they could not take the Fort and Castle, They burnt all the houses here but 5 and the Church, and went back to the Southward burning and demolishing all where they came: They burnt all *Ferryland* and hove the

Salt out of Doors. Monsieur *Supercosse* gave orders to the Indi and Cannadians to cross over the Land to *Conception Bay*, *Tri* and *Bonavist*, and there to burn and destroy all where they ca But after the Frenches departure from St. *John's* Advice was s to *Carboniere* and other places and the Inhabitants of *Carboniere* upon the Island with most of their effects, and having 5 Guns t were supplyed with Ammunition and Small Arms from the Garri of St. *John's* and defended themselves; but the Indians burnt their Stages and Boats: And we hope the other places did a secure and defend themselves from the Enemy. Monsieur *Su cosse* sent back several of the Prisoners but carryed with him most of the able Fishermen. Capt. *Wane* from *Boston* arrived St. *John's* the 9*th* of *April*, and Capt. *Moody* Commander in Cl Imprest the Sloop to carry a Packet to *England*, to give an Acco of the whole affair: Capt. *Pickman* also arrived from *Boston* s day, and the 16*th*. of *April* arrived Capt. *Pickering* at *Ferryl* from *Boston*. There is no other Vessels arrived from *Europe*, or a other place. We expect a Squadron of Men of War towards the Fa

Portsmouth, *N. Hampshire*, *May* 11. *Samuel Hill* of *Wells* (w was taken Captive by the Indians) came hither on Fryday nig last from *Quebeck* with two French men sent by the Governour *Canada*, who brought Letters from him and Capt. *Livingston* to Excellency our Governour; Capt. *Livingston* arrived there 26*th*. of *February*, and designs to be back the 20*th*. of this Mon with the Governour of *Canada's* proposals for Exchange of Prisone There is 100 of our Captives in the hands of the French, and ab 70 Children with the Indians.[90] A small party of French and Indi went about the beginning of *November* last to *Placentia*, to jo the Forces there in order to make an Attack upon St. *John's* in *N foundland*, among whom was *Eascombuit*. Several of our East Indians at *Canada* are not pleased with the French Treatment, Governour not being able to supply them according to promise, reason of the Miscariage of their Store-Ship. They have not h the Small Pox as was reported but the Measels. Provisions are plenty among them. There was about 600 French, and Indi of near equal number in the Expedition to *Lancaster* last year, ma of whom dyed in their return, and several since, they were alm Starved, and constrained to eat the bark of Trees: Their ch Commander continues yet ill. A few days after Capt. *Livingsto* arrival at *Quebeck* the Governour ordered about 500 Indians to

90 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resol . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, 500. See News-Letter Nos. 50 *ante*, 60, 61, 64 *post*.

made ready for some Expedition, they give out that it is to be a guard to that place, but 'tis to be feared that they have a design upon *New-England.* When Mr. *Hill* and the two Frenchmen came to *Kinnebeck* they met with a Track of about 30 Indians as they judged, and about the same time they came here from *Casko*, a man and two Children were kill'd near Mr. *Curtis's* house at *Spruse Creek*, 3 Women and several Children taken away Captive: There was about 10 Indians discovered; His Excellency has ordered Major *Walton* to detach a Company to Scout from *Nitchewanock* to *Wells*, and Col. *Hilton* to detach another to Scout from *Kingstoun* near *Exeter* to *Nitchewanock.*

On Saturday last, the 5th instant, dyed here the honourable Coll. *Samuell Allen*, Esq. formerly Governour of this Provence, aged about 70 years, and was interred on Wednesday the 9th currant.

Philadelphia, May 3*d*. Last night arrived here *Parker* from *Boston*, and its said that *Darby* is arrived from the said Port at *Salem* in *New-Jersey.*

New-York, May 7*th*. On the 4*th*. Instant His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* returned hither from *Albany*, and to Morrow sets out for His Government of *New-Jersey.* On the 6*th*. Instant arrived here a Briganteen from *England* and *Holland*, *John Potter* Master, who left *Plymouth* the 11*th*. of *March*, under Convoy of Admiral *Whetstone*, with 7 or 8 Men of War bound for *Jamaica;* several Ships for the *West India's*, 6 or 7 for *Virginia*, and a Briganteen for *Philadelphia*, (*Burman* Master) came out with that Convoy, by whom we have advice, That two men of War, a fifth and a sixth Rate are appointed for this place, and that Capt. *Pain* in the *Greyhound* Gally, Capt. *Cumby* and Capt. *Jeffers* who are bound hither were preparing to come out with the first Convoy, they hope to come with the Men of War bound hither. No certainty when the *Virginia* Fleet will come out. Capt. *Law* and *Leventhorp* of this place, and *Guy* of *Philadelphia*, who went from hence under Convoy of the *Jersey* are taken. That Mr. *Penn* was about Surrendring his Government of *Pensilvania.* Capt. *Gilbert*, *Hermitage*, *Guyn* and *Hill* of *Boston*, have been taken, and are come Passengers in this Briganteen. That there was a strict Embargo in *England.* Vessels Entered out since last Post only *Adolph* for *Boston.*

Boston, On Fryday the 11*th*. Instant, His Excellency our Governour returned from His Government of *New-Hampshire.*

Coasters, Entered Inwards *Sargeant*, *Flood*, *Giddis*, *Gidden*, *Hilton* and *Webber* from *Piscataqua.* Foreign Inwards, *Jarvies* from *Nevis*, *Diamond* and *Hoddy* from the *Bay*, *Waters* from *Newfoundland*, and *Pepperil* from *Antigua.* Coasters, Outwards *Lathrop*,

and *Harris* for *Connecticut*. Foreign cleared Outwards, *Calley* for *Leward-Islands*, *Fisher* and *Alden* for *Virginia*, and *Welch* for *Antigua*. Outward Bound, *Pullen* for *Jamaica*, *Chambers*, *Wilkins* and *Webber* for *Barbadoes*, and *Green* for *Antigua*.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday May 14. to Monday May 21. 1705.

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[BEGINNING the first column of the first page of this issue is a continuation of the review of the year 1704 and this fills three columns, ending with the editorial paragraph immediately below.]

These are the chief Transactions in the year 1704 which has been in particular so Glorious to the Arms of *England* and the States, and which promises us so many advantages in the next, and gives us hopes that GOD will at last hear the Cries of the Oppressed, and deliver the Christian World from the miseries they groan under, through the Ambition of a Prince, who since the begining of his Reign, has made it wholly his business to disturb the Peace of Mankind. While the rest of the World is expos'd to the Calamities inseparable from War, *England* alone enjoys the benefits of Peace, under the Government of a QUEEN, who is the delight of her Subjects, as well as the Terror of her Enemies. We have felt little or nothing of the effects of the War and the Promises in *Psal.* 144 to the People who have the Lord for their God, have been litterally fulfill'd in our case. We have had plenty of everything, there has been no leading into Captivity, no complaining in our Streets. Happy England, if we do but know our own Happiness, and do not provoke by our Divisions and Sins the Almighty to withdraw from us the visible marks of his Favour and Protection.

London, March 2. *Via New-York, per* Capt. *Potter* we have the following advice, That Capt. *Rymes* was loaden ready to Sail for *Boston*, but was stopt by an Embargo. That Capt. *Mason* was still at *Millford*. That there is an Act of Parliament past for Encouraging the bringing of Naval Stores from the Plantations to *England*. By the Packet yesterday we had the Account of Capt. *Miles's* arrival at *Lisbon* from *Boston*. That there is a Ship of Mr. *Ourfells* from

Bristol bound for *Boston*. That Capt. *Rowse* from *Boston* and *Barbadoes* is arrived at *Plimouth*. That the *Gosport* Man of War from *Lisbon* and *New-England* was arrived at *Falmouth* the 23d. *December;* [Here follows a quarter column of foreign news items.]

New-York, *May* the 14*th*. No Vessels arrived here since my last. The *Pensilvania* Post not yet come in, and suppose the three days of bad Rainy Weather last week has hindered him. We hear Capt. *Burman* from *London* arrived their the 6*th*. Instant, who came out with Capt. *Potter* that arrived here the same day. One *Odell* the Forger[91] of your Paper Bills of Credit is here in Goal, and will be sent to *Boston*. Vessels Outward bound are *Stilwill* and *Phenix* for *Virginia*, *Sherlock* for *Barbadoes*, and *De Groof* and *Sands* for *Boston*.

Boston, On Wednesday the 16*th*. Currant arrived here Capt. *William Everton* from Barbadoes in about a Months Passage, he came out in Company with about Seventeen Sail for our *Continent*, and by Letters thence are acquainted, That we have taken two of the chief French Privateers: And that Capt. *Bowdage* and the several Vessels that Sailed with him from *Boston*, were all safe arrived but three, Two of which (we are informed by a Vessel that arrived at *Salem*, that came out of *Barbadoes* in the night after Capt. *Everton* Sailed) are since arrived, and that there is only *Berry* missing.

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Peter Coffin* from *Nantucket:* Foreign Inwards, *Price* from *Montserrat*, and Capt. *Everton* from *Barbadoes*. Coasters Outward *Grover*, *Loring* and *Prince* for *Connecticut*, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Cleared outwards, *Welch* for *Bermuda*, *Ruck* for *Antigua*, *Wilkins* for *Ruanock*, *James* for *Newfoundland*, *Wing* and *Coale* for *Jamaica*. Outward bound, Capts. *Michael Gill* for *Newfoundland*, *Richard Fyfield* for *Barbadoes*, and *Nathaniel Jarvies* for *Jamaica*.

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A. E. Numb. 58.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday, May 21. to Monday May 28. 1705.

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[UNDER date "*London, March 2. via New York, per* Capt. Potter" are advices from all the European centers, filling nearly three columns of this issue.]

91 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704) *ante*, 59, 60, 61, 82 *post*.

St. John's Newfoundland, May 5. On the 2d. Currant arrived here a ship from Lisbon in a Month's passage, who gives this Advice; [here follows a brief account of the defeat of the French squadron before Gibraltar.]

Philadelphia, May 11. *Darby* from *Boston* arrived here the 6th Instant, and designs this day down the River for *Salem* to load for *Boston;* & *Burman* in a Briganteen from *London* arrived on the 8th. who came out with Capt. *Potter* that is arrived at *New-York.*

New-York May 21st. Last week arrived here three Sloops and a Briganteen from *Barbadoes*, a Sloop from *Carolina* & a Sloop from *Nevis* in 21 days, who advise of a Packet boat being taken in sight of the Island about three weeks ere he sailed. Yesterday arrived a Barque and a Sloop from *Virginia* bound to *Boston*, in the first came Mr. *Jeffery Gray* who Sayes, the *Strumbulo* Man of War will Sail for *England* the 15*th. June*, but the Fleet will not Sail with her, expecting a better Convoy from *Lisbon.*

New-Port, Rhode-Island, May 25 This week arrived a Vessel in 14 days from St. *Christophers*, by whom we are acquainted, That there was two French Privateers taken and brought in there, and that Admiral *Whetson* with a Squadron of Men of War was arrived at *Nevis* from *England:* and had brought in there another French Privateer whom he took, and that there was two more taken and carryed in to *Barbadoes.*

Piscataqua May 25. On Monday last the Sculking Indian Enemy kill'd one man near *Kittery* in the Province of *Main*, and Wounded another.

Boston, Coasters, Entered Inwards, James and Joseph Petty, Vail, and Hedge from Connecticut, Starky from Carolina, Jackson, James, Hedge and Elwel from Piscataqua. Foreign Inwards, Capt. Breed and Burbank from Jamaica, Webster and Northy from N. Carolina, Fidling from South Carolina, Hart from N. foundland, Bedgood and Thomas from Barbadoes. Coasters Outwards, Lyford for Piscataqua, and Walter for N. Haven. Foreign, Cleared Outwards, Gibbs and Nelms for Bermuda, Thomas Meers for Jamaica, Joseph Dean for Suranam, Richard Fyfield for Barbadoes, and Francis Plasted for Nevis. Outward bound, Jonathan Hart, and William Chamberlin for Antigua, John Diman for Jamaica, William Jeffries for Ruanock, Solomon Gardner for Nevis, and Andrew Grauenraedt for New-York.

Letters from *Antigua Via N. York*, acquaint us, That Capt. *Thomas Dudley* in the Packet boat bound from *Barbadoes* to *Jamaica*, was taken and carryed into *Martinico*, and that he was come up to

Antigua in a Flag of Truce. That there was about 12 more Vessels lately taken and carryed into *Martinico*, one whereof is said to be Emms of Boston, and 7 *Bristol* men.

Advertisement.

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From **Monday** May 28. to **Monday** June 4 1705.

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[BESIDES December and January news from Paris, Vienna, Venice, Hamburg, and Hague, there are items from "*London, Mch.* 2. *Via New York*, per Capt. Potter;" and from Whitehall, January 3, an account of the ceremonies attendant upon the reception of the standards and colors taken in the battle of Blenheim and the conveying them "to Westminster-Hall, where the said Standards & Colours were put up, to remain there as Trophies of that signal Victory wherewith it pleased Almighty GOD to bless the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies, under the conduct of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, against a superior Number of the Enemy; and of the Honour which her Majesty's Subjects gained in that memorable Day, not to be parallel'd in the History of many ages." The feature of the domestic news is the record of the "Anniversary Election."]

New-York, May 28th. Last Week Cap *Bill* arrived here from *Curacoa*, and 2 *Bermudians* with Salt: Cleared for *Boston, Adolph, de Groof*, and *Wiggins, Pasco* and *Depue* for *Jamaica, Bond* for *London Via Virginia*, and *Stillwell* for *Maryland*. Several Vessels are loading for *Barbadoes, Nevis* and *Curacoa*.

Newport Rhode-Island, June 1. On 27th *May* arrived here Capt. *John Halsy* from the *West-Indies*, and on the 30th of *May* came in the Spanish Prize which he took being a Ship of about 130 Tons and 8 Guns, Loaden with Brandy, Canary, some Chests of Sugar, some Bails of Paper, and some Snuff and Oyl.[92]

On *Thursday* Night *May* 31. *Thomas Odell* the Forger of the Bills of Credit of the Colony of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, being in Irons on Board *Derick Adolph* in order to be carried to *Boston*, to be Tryed for his Crime, made his escape.[93]

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92 Captain John Halsey. See News-Letter Nos. 49, 53 *ante*, 60, 63 *post*.

93 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704) *ante*, 57, 60, 61, 82 *post*.

By a Sloop from St. *Christophers* we are acquainted, that 10000 *Spaniards* have revolted from the Duke of *Anjou* to King *Charles III*. The Advice came by Admiral *Whetstone* who is gone for *Jamaica* with 14 Sail of Merchant Men, whereof Capt. *Bant* is one.

Boston, Wednesday *the 30th* of May, *being the Anniversary* ELECTION: *There was Chosen as Members of Her Majesty's Council for this Province for the Ensuing Year*, Viz.[94]

Wait Winthrop Esqr. *James Russel* Esqr. *John Hathorne* Esqr. *Elisha Hutchinson* Esqr. *Samuel Sewall* Esqr. *Isaac Addington* Esqr. *William Brown* Esqr. *John Phillips* Esqr. *Jonathan Corwin* Esq *John Foster* Esq. *Penn Townsend* Esq *John Higginson* Esq *Samuel Partridge* Esq. *Andrew Belcher* Esq. *Samuel Legg Esq. Edward Bromfield* Esq *Ephraim Hunt* Esq *Samuel Appleton* Esq *John Walley* Esq *John Thacher* Esq *Isaac Winslow* Esq. *Nathanael Payne* Esq *Eliakim Hutchinson* Esq *Joseph Hammond* Esq *Benjamin Brown* Esq *Joseph Lynde* Esq. *Samuel Hayman* Esqr, and *Simeon Stoddard* Esqr.

The Members of the House of Representatives *for the several Towns are as follows. And those that have this Mark * are New Ones.*[94]

Boston, Mr. Tho. Oakes, Speaker. Capt. Sam Checkley Capt. Eph. Savage. Mr. Eliz. Holyoke *Roxbury*, Mr. Wil Denison. *Dorchester*, Mr. Hopestil Clap. *Milton*, Capt. Tho. Vose. *Braintrey*, Mr. John Baxter. *Weymouth*, Capt. Steph. French. *Dedham*, *Mr. John Fuller. *Medfield*, Mr. John Metcalfe. *Hingham*, *Mr. Josiah Levit. *Salem*, Samuel Brown Esq *Capt. Sam. Gardner. *Ipswich*, Mr. Nehem Jewet. *Mr. Nath. Koolton *Newbury*, *Capt. Hen. Somersby. *Lynn*, *Mr. Joseph Newhall. *Marblehead*, *Mr. Sam. Reed. *Beverley*, *Mr. Sam.

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94 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 113-115. In the list of members of the council are these changes in the Province Laws print: Russell for Russel; Browne for Brown in both cases; Paine for Payne. In the list of representatives, the following: Dorchester, Hopestill for Hopstil Clap; Braintree, Lieut. Baxter instead of Mr.; Hingham, Leavitt for Levit; Salem, Browne for Brown; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewet, and Knoulton for Koolton; Newbury, Somerby for Somersby; Lynn, Ensign Newhall instead of Mr.; Wenham, Deacon Fiske instead of Mr. Fisk; Gloucester, Mr. Allin instead of Capt. Allen; Rowley, Capt. Dresser instead of Mr.; Salisbury, Morill for Morril; Amesbury, Fowller for Fowler; Sudbury, Browne for Brown; also added to Sudbury Mr. John Brigham; Marlborough, Brigham for Bridgham; Billerica, Lieut. Willson instead Mr. Wilson; Woburn, Maj. Converse Esq. instead of Converse Esq.; Reading, Sweyne for Swain; Sherburne, William Rider, senior instead of William Rider; Medford, Lieut. Willis instead of Mr.; Barnstable, Hamlen for Hamlin; Springfield, Deacon Hitchcock instead of Mr.; Hadley, Mountague for Montague; Hatfield, Samuel Marsh, senior instead of Samuel Marsh; Rehoboth, Col. Walker instead of Mr.; Swanzey, Perce for Pierce; Kittery, Leighton for Layton.

Balch. *Wenham*, Mr. Wil. Fisk. *Topsfield*, *Mr. Elisha Perkins. *Glocester*, Capt. *Joseph Allen. *Rawley*, Mr. John *Dresser*. *Salisbury*, *Mr. Isaac Morril. *Amesbury*, *Mr. Thomas Fowler. *Andover*, *Capt. Christoph. Osgood. *Haverhill*, Mr. Sam. Watts. *Charlestown*, Capt. Samuel Phipps. *Cambridge*, Cap. Tho. Oliver. *Newton*, *Capt. Isaac Williams *Watertown*, *Mr. Nath. Bright. *Sudbury*, *Mr. William Brown. *Wrentham*, *Mr. Richard Puffer. *Marlborough*, *Mr. Sam. Bridgham. *Concord*, *Mr. Simon Davis. *Chelmsford*, Cap. Jer. Bowers. *Billerica*, *Mr. John Wilson. *Wooburn*, James Converse Esq. *Reading*, Maj. Jer. Swain. *Malden*, *Mr Phineas Upham. *Sherbourn*, Mr. Wil Rider. *Dunstable*, *Cap Wil. Tyng. *Lancaster*, Mr. John Houghton *Medford*, Mr. Thomas Willis. *Groton*, Cap. Jonas Prescott. *Plymouth*, [Captain John Bradford?][95] *Situate*, Mr. Sam. Clap *Marshfield*, *Mr. Eph. Little. *Bridgwater*, *Mr. David Perkins. *Duxbury*, *Mr. David Alden. *Barnstaple*, *Mr. James Hamlin *Yarmouth*, *Mr. Sam. Sturges. *Eastham*, Mr Samuel Knowles. *Springfield*, Mr. John Hitchcock, *Northampton*, Cap. Preserved Clap. *Hadley*, *Mr. Peter Montague. *Hatfield*, *Mr. Sam. Marsh. *Westfield*, *Mr. Nath. Bancroft. *Bristol*, *Mr. Nath Blagrove. *Rehoboth*, *Mr. Samuel Walker. *Swansey*, Mr. Eph Pierce. *Taunton*, *Mr. Jos. Tisdale. *Dartmouth*, *Mr. Jos. Tripp. *York*, Captain Lewis Bane *Kittery;* Mr. John Layton. *Wells*, *Capt. Jos. Hill. *Nantucket*, *Capt. Rich. Gardner.

On *Tuesday* the 29th of *May* towards Evening, a Fishing Shallop, one *Gammon* Master, was surpriz'd and taken off *Winter Harbour* where she was Fishing, by 5 or 6 Canoo's of Indians, that came out from thence. His Excellency has ordered the *Province-Gally* and another Vessel to Range the Eastern Coast. And we hope the Enemy shall be taken, and the Shallop recovered.

The Anniversary Election Sermon was Preached by the Reverend Mr. *Joseph Easterbrooks*, Minister of *Concord*, upon these words, *Gen.* 12. 2. *And I will make of thee a great Nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a Blessing.*

Coasters Entered Inwards, *John Hedge* from *Fairfield*, *John Webb* from *Milford*, *Elwell*, *Flood*, *Felt*, *Bracket* and *Parker* from *Piscataqua*. Coasters Outward, *Allen* and *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Tho Lanyon* for *North-Carolina*, *William Marsh* and *John Holt* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Jeremiah Cushing* from *Virginia*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Richard Green* and *Joseph Flint* for *Antigua*, & *Thomas Hudson for New-York* Entered Outward Bound, *Abel Jones* for *Jamaica*, *John Hoddy*, *Philip Lewis*, *John Stevens* and *John Bennet* for *Antigua*.

95 This name rubbed and indistinct.

Darby is arrived from *Pensilvania*, and *Hathorne* from *Newfoundland*.

Advertisement.

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From **Monday** June 4. to **Monday** June 11. 1705.

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[THE principal foreign news, which largely occupies this issue, is an account, from Lisbon, April 24, of the failure of the attack upon Gibraltar by the combined French and Spanish forces on land, supported by the French fleet, and the destruction of the fleet by the English squadron under Vice Admiral Sir John Leake. There is other news from Milan, Vienna and elsewhere.]

New-York, June 4. On Thursday last dyed Mr. Jer. Tothil, one of our Aldermen; and yesterday Dyed Mr. Caleb Cooper Merchant. Our Assembly met on the 1st Instant, but were Adjourned to Thursday next. His Excel. the Lord Cornbury sets out this day from Burlington, and designs to be here on Wednesday next. Capt Defrees Commander of a Privateer of 120 men fitted out here, waits for a Wind to go to Sea, & so does Capt. Bond who is bound for London Via Virginia with the Strombulo Man of War, who is said to Sail from thence the 10th of July. Vessels Outward bound are Dunskum & Launer for Barbadoes, Thinhoven for Jamaica, Coward for England, via Virginia, Potter & Dawson for Nevis, Wessels for Antigua, Dill for St. Christophers, Sandford for Carolina, Bill and Jourdain for Curacoa, Hunt for St. Thomas, and Crooke for Madera. Codman Sailed from hence last week for Pensilvania.

New-Port Rhode Island, June the 8th. On Wednesday the 6th. Currant, Thomas Odell, (mentioned in our last,) who made his escape, was found in a Barn two Miles out of Town, & is now in close Prison.[96] Capt. Halsy's Prize is not yet condemn'd.[97]

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96 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704), 57, 59 *ante*, 61, 82 *post*.

97 Captain John Halsey, commander of the briganteen Charles, private-man-of-war. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p 526. See News-Letter Nos. 49, 53 *ante*, 63 *post*.

Boston, On Monday the 4*th*. Currant, The Annual Artillery Election Sermon was Preach'd by the Reverend Mr. *Thomas Bridge*, one of the Ministers of *Boston*,[98] upon these words in, *Dan*. 11. 32. *And such as do wickedly against the Covenant, shall be corrupt by Flatteries: but the People that do know their God, shall be strong, and do exploits.*

Capt. *Thomas Savage*[99] was chosen Captain, Mr. *Thomas Fitch* Lieutenant, and Mr. *John Kilby* Ensign of the Honorable Artillery Company, and approv'd of by His Excellency.

Capt. *John Livingston* with the other Messengers sent by His Excellency our Governour, to the Governour of *Cannada* at *Quebeck* to concert the Exchange of Prisoners, returned this day, with whom there came Capt. *Cortemange*, from the Governour of *Canada*, in order to settle the same.[100]

On Wednesday night the 6*th*. Instant, Three Ships coming from *Lisbon*, *viz*. Capts *Myles*, *Miller*, and *Parsons*, It being Foggy Weather occasioned an Alarm in the Town of *Boston;* where was a great Appearance of men in the Train bands.

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Job Almy* from *Rhode-Island*, *Eleazar Darby* from *Pensilvania*, and *Samuel Sand* from *Long-Island*. Coasters Outwards, *Lathrop*, *Sturges*, *James* & *Joseph Petty*, *Horton* & *Hedge* for *Connecticut*, *Job Almy* for *Rhode-Island* Foreign Inwards, Capts. *John Myles*, *Thomas Miller* & *Benj. Parsons* from *Lisbon*, *Obadiah Wakefield* from *Virginia*, & *Zach. Syms* from *Fyal*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Jer. Tay* for *Virginia*, Cap. *Michael Gill*[101] for *Newfoundland*, *John Stevins* for *Nevis*, *Rich. Thomas* for *Antigua*, *Rob. Starky* for *N. Carolina*, *John Venteman* & *John Pullen* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *Sam. Winckle*, *John Alden*, *Nath. Perkins* & *Alexander Baker* for *Barbadoes*.

Advertisements.

AT the Warehouse of Messieurs Bromfield and Burroughs, at the Town Dock in Boston, There are to be Sold long Tobacco Pipes by the Cask, to be taken by the Contents, whole and broken, at Three Shillings and Six Pence per Groce, or Five Shillings by the

98 Minister of the First Church of Boston, 1705-1715.

99 Son of Lieutenant-Colonel Habijah Savage, captain of a militia company, and nephew of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas Savage, colonel of the Boston Regiment. Born in Boston in 1664, died there in 1721.

100 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 500. "Capt. Cortemange:" the printer's spelling of the name of Sieur de Courtemanche. See News-Letter Nos. 50, 56 *ante*, 61, 64 *post*.

101 For an account of Captain Gill's sea fight with a company of French and Indians in the harbor of St. John's, Newfoundland, in August, 1704, see the News-Letter, No. 25, page 130 *ante*.

Single Groce for whole Pipes told out.

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From Monday June 11. to Monday June 18, 1705.

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[FOREIGN news, comprising a large part of this issue, is mainly from Vienna, Paris, Venice, Ratisbon and Genoa. From "Smolensko in Muscovy, December 25," 1704, there is an account of the czar's treatment of his rebellious subjects: "some are hang'd; others Beheaded; others again Burned, and some even wasted. The Czar, who has exiled the Princess *Sophia*, his Sister to Silk, has also caused the Hands of his Brother-in-law to be saw'd off with a wooden Saw."]

Barbadoes May 24th. Some few days ago there arrived here a Pacquet from England, by whom we have the following Advice, That he left England the 10th. of April, and just before his Sayling there was brought into Plymouth, Thirteen Sail of French Privateers, from 20 to 36 & 40 Guns a piece. And that two English men of War nigh the Channel of England met with a French Fleet from Martinico bound for France, under convoy of a Man of War of 60 Guns, and Sunk the French man of War and Took 6 of the Merchant men, whom they brought in. And also confirms Sir John Leake's Action at Gibraltar.

The Fleet bound hence for London consisting of about 40 Sail under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Warrick of 50 Guns, will Sail in 17 days, with whom will Sail the Vessels bound for New-England. James Berry arrived here in 8 days after the arrival of the Fleet from Boston. The Warrick Man of War has taken Two Tramponsis, and three French Merchant men, which are brought in here. There is a Flagg of Truce gone from hence to Martinico, in order to Settle the Castel for the Exchange of Prisoners.

'Tis also reported, That there was about 12 or 14 Sail of Ships bound from France to Martinico loaden with Stores and Provisions who were taken by a Squadron of our Men of War, near the Channel of England.

Philadelphia, June 8th. On Sunday last arrived here *Joshua Cornish*, and *Clement Jackson* Sailed the *4th.* Currant for *Piscataqua.* The *Virginia* Fleet from *England* is dayly expected at *Virginia.*

to visit this Fort; but they found the Fort ruined, the Canoo's cut to pieces, and the people all either Butchered or Captived. This gave them no little surprize, and they give the *English* this account of it. That a body of *Maqua's* lately returning from the Spoil of *Canada* brought several *French Prisoners* with them; That calling at this Fort in their way, the *Indians* there seeing themselves unable to resist them did pass divers Complements with them and partake of their Booties, That a *French* Captive after this, escaping from the *Maqua's* informed the *French* that these *Indians* had revolted unto the *Maqua's*, and hereupon the *French* or their *Indians* made a sudden Sally forth upon them, and utterly destroyed them, tho' they were in reality of their own party still.

Two *English Captives* escaped from the hands of the *Indians* and *French* at *Pescadamoquady*, came into *Portsmouth* on the sixteenth Instant & say, That when Capt. *Mason* was at *Port Real*, he cut the faces, and ript the bellies of two *Indians*, and threw a third over board in the sight of the *French*, who informing the other *Indians* of it, they have in revenge barbarously Butcher'd forty Captives of ours that were in their hands.

These two Captives escaped in a Shallop, which our Enemies intended to have set out with all the Circumstances of a Fishing Shallop, but to have indeed, fill'd it with *Indians* [illegible] *English*

200 Shipping with him of one sort or other, above one hundred Sail dayly run between *Ireland* and *England*, with meat for Man and Beast; His Majesty being unwilling to trust false *Ireland* for it. *France* is in much trouble (and fear) not only with us but also with his Son, who has revolted against him lately, and has great reason,) if reports be true, that the *Father used to lie with the Sons Wife*. He has got all the *Hugonots*, and all the dissatisfied Papists, with the great force of the D. of *Lorraign*, and are now against him, resolving to depose him of his life and Kingdom.

It's Reported the City of *Cork* in *Ireland*, has proclaimed *K. William*, and turned their *French* Landlords out of Doors; of this there wants further Confirmation.

From *Plimouth Sept.* 22. We have an Account, that on *Friday* the 12*th* Instant, in the night, our Forces Landing privately, forthwith surrounded *Pegypsco* Fort; but finding no Indians there, they March'd to *Amoniscoggin*. There on the Lords-day, they kill'd and took 15 or 16 of the Enemy, and recovered five *English* Captives, mostly belonging to *Oyster River*; who advised, that the men had been gone about ten days down to a River, to meet with the *French*, and the *French Indians*; where they expected to make up a Body of 300 men, and design first against *Wells* or *Piscataqua*.

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[illegible] were coming this way to War, but crossing a path which they supposed to be of the *Maqua's*, they followed it until they discovered a place where some Canoo's were making, whereupon twenty *Kennebeck Indian*-Warriors went to look further after the business, who never yet returned. Which gives hope that they may come short home, but upon this the *Squaws* are sent to *Penobscot*, and the men stand on their Defence.

Portsmouth Sept. 20th. Two days since arrived here a small Vessel from *Barbadoes*, in which is a Letter to Captain *H. K.* of 19th *August* that speaks thus,

Christophers is wholly taken from the *French* as also a small Island called *Stacia*; we are very strong in Shipping, and our Ships of War are now gone for *Tobago*, a very good place to shelter from any Storms, after the suspicious months are over, they will Attack the rest of the *French* places. We have News here that K. *William* is safe arrived in *Ireland*, and is marched with *one hundred* and *forty thousand Foot and Horse*. *Himself leads the Body*, Duke *Scomburgh* the right Wing, and the Earl of *Oxford* the left Wing, Duke *Hamilton* of *Scotland* leads the forlorn Hope with *ten thousand men* under him. Great victory they dayly have, and much people dayly come in to him, with submission: He has a Ground stopt a Flute, by which means young *Bracket*, who was a considerable distance up the River, above *Amonoscoggin* Fort, being advised by an Indian that ran away from *Amonoscoggin*, that an *English* Army was there attempted his Escape, and came down to the Sloop, just as they came on their Sail.

On Thursday, they landed at *Saco*; a Scout of 60 men of ours discover a party of the Enemy, and had the Advantage of killing three of them, and of taking *nine Canoos*, and an English captive named, *Thomas Baker*, who informed, that the Enemy had left a considerable Plunder at *Pegypscut*-Plains, which he supposed the *Enemy* was gone to secure. Whereupon the Army immediately embark'd, and arriving there that night, the next morning found the Bever-Plunder accordingly.

While our Vessels where at Anchor in *Cascoe-Bay*, our Auxiliary-Indians lodging on shore, and being too careless in their Watch, the Enemy made an Attaque upon them. The *English* forth with repair'd to their Relief; but were sorely galled, by an Embuscado of Indians, The Enemy soon quitted the Field, escaping with their *Canoo's*, whereof ours took several. In the Surprise, we lost 9 men, and had about 20 wounded; the blow chiefly fell on our dear *Friends*, the *Plimouth Forces*, 15 being kill'd and wounded of Captain *Southworth's* Company.

Boston, Printed by *R. Pierce*, for *Benjamin Harris*, at the *London-Coffee-House*. 1690.

New-York. June 11th. His Excellency the Lord Cornbury arrived here on Saturday Morning from his Government of New-Jersey. Our Assembly has been Adjourned to this day, not being a Quorum on Saturday last to choose a Speaker. Entered Outwards, Kersteed for Boston, Freebody for Bermuda, Basden for Antigua, and Cawley for Curacoa.

New-Port, Rhode-Island, June the 15*th.* Yesterday arrived here one *Smith* from *Suranam* five Weeks Passage: There is also come in here *William Mash* in a Sloop from *Boston*, who brought in with him a *Parmaceti Whale*, about 30 Foot long.

Maldon; June, 12*th.* The Reverend Mr. *Michael Wigglesworth*, Fellow of *Harvard* College, and Pastor of the Church in this Place, Administred the Lord's Supper, *May* 27. Fell Sick of a Fever upon the *Friday* following, of which he died the 10*th.* Instant, at Nine in the Morning, *Aetatis* 74. and was interr'd this day: Being much Lamented as a Learned and Pious Divine, and Skilful Physician, Vigorous & Useful to the last. He was Author of the Poem Entituled, *THE DAY OF DOOM.*[102]

Boston, Last Week 4 of our English Prisoners at Mont-Real, viz. Joseph Pettis, John Nimes, Thomas Baker & Martin Kelluck all of West-Hampshire, made their Escape from thence, and came in to Northampton, being 26 days on their March, who were so put to it for Provisions by the way, that they were forced to eat Rattle Snakes.[103]

Thomas Odell mentioned in our Last, was brought to Boston in a Sloop from Rhode-Island on Wednesday last, and is committed to close Prison in order to be Tryed for his Counterfeiting of our Province Bills of Credit, &c.[104]

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Wells* and *Lathrop* from *Connecticut*, *Ware* and *Lyford* from *Piscataqua*, *D'Groof*, *Adolph & Wiggins* from *New-York*, & *Ireland* from *New-port Rhode-Island.* Outwards, *John Lawrence* for *Connecticut.* Foreign Inwards, *John Holland* from *Fyall*, *Nath. Clark* from *Virginia*, *Rich. Friend* from *Newfoundland*, *Fortune Redduck* from St. *Christophers*, & *Sam Ward* from *Barbadoes.* Foreign Clear'd Outwards, *Solomon Gardner* for *Nevis*, *John Dimon* for *Jamaica*, *William Jeffries* for *North-Carolina.* Outward Bound, *John Fidling* for *South Carolina*, *Jer. Cushing* for *Maryland*, *Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia*, *Ephraim Breed* for *Jamaica*,

102 Minister of Malden from 1656. See Reverend Michael Wigglesworth, His Memoir, Autobiography, Letters and Library, in New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. XVII, pp. 129-146.

103 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 500. See News-Letter Nos. 50, 56, 60 *ante*, 64 *post.*

104 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704), 57, 59, 60 *ante*, 82 *post.*

John Holland for *Antigua, Rich. Friend* for *Newfoundland, & Tho. Hunt* for *North-Carolina.*

Advertisements.

AT the Desire of several Gentlemen, Merchants and others who are willing to Contribute towards supporting this Publick Print of Intelligence, the Undertaker has begun where it was left off, in hopes of others following their good Example, whereby it may be carryed on at least another year: And therefore all Persons in Town & Country, who have a mind to encourage the same, may have said News-Letter every week by the year upon reasonable Terms agreeing with John Campbell Postmaster of Boston for the same.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday June 18. to Monday June 25. 1705.

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[ONLY one column of foreign news appears in this issue and that is of the January preceding from Hamburg, Venice, Hague and elsewhere. The principal features of the domestic news are, the speech of Governor Cornbury to the General Assembly of New York; reports of earthquake shocks in Boston and neighboring towns and the account of a privateer in New York harbor.]

Philadelphia, June 14. A Briganteen from *Hundoras*, one *Griffin* Master, is arrived at *New-Castle*, she carries 8 Guns and Patteraro's, 12 men, coming thro' the Gulph off of *Cuba*, they were Chased by a Ship, with whom they exchanged several great and small Shot, taking each other for Enemies; The Ship prov'd to be Capt. *Penniston*, his Sloop was in Company, one of the Briganteen's men had his Hand Shot off, who is put on Board Capt. *Pennistone* to be cured.

Three persons were drowned last week by the oversetting of a Boat going down the River from *Philadelphia*, one of them a Negro Boy.

New-York, June 18. On *Thursday* last a Ship arrived here from *Fyall*, and a Sloop from *North-Carolina*, they were Chased in by a *French* Privateer, as was Captain *Coward*, who was bound for *England, Via Virginia.*

On the 16th. Capt. *Outerbridge* and some of his men came to Town

and relate, that on the 3d. Instant he Sailed out of *Sandyhook*, bound for *Jamaica* loaded with Provisions, and was taken by a Privateer from *Martinico* about 150 Leagues off, and that his Sloop (with Mrs. *Antill* and her children who were Passengers on Board) is sent to *Martinico*.

That on the 14th Instant the same Privateer came to *Sandyhook*, and in the night sent up her Boat to the Narrows with design to take Capt. *Potter* who was then Loaden at the Watering place bound for *Nevis*, but the Boat could not find him; about 10 days before, they took a small Sloop belonging to one *Godfrey* of this Town, loaded with Pitch and Tarr which they burnt, one *Reynolds* was Master of her, and 'tis said sides with the *French*, and is a Pilot to them on this Coast, and has informed them of our Vessels expected and Outward bound. The Privateers perceiving they were discovered, Capt *Outerbridge* and his men and *Godfrey* perswaded them to land them at *Sandyhook*, which they did, and afterwards stood along shore to the Southward. Yesterday News was brought that they had Landed in *East-New-Jersey* a little beyond *Neversincks*, and had burnt 2 Country Houses. On *Sunday* the 10th Instant, the Cettey Privateer, Capt. *Bond* for *England*, *Via Virginia*, and 2 Sloops sailed out of *Sandyhook*, and happily mist this Privateer. A Ship, a Briganteen and 2 Sloops are fitted out here, and will Sail this day under the Command of Col. *Peartree* in pursuit of her. This Privateer is a Ship of 10 Guns, 150 Tons or thereabouts, 120 men, one *Clapo* Captain, who has a Brother lives at *Boston* or thereabouts, some say that is a Nick-Name, some that he is a *French*-man, & others, an *Irish*-man. They tell us a new Briganteen from *New-York* was carried in to *Martinico* a few days before this Privateer Sailed, which we fear is Capt. *Perkins* in a fine Briganteen the 1,st Voyage, & bound for *Barbadoes*.

His Excellency has laid an Embargo in this Province. Here are 5 Sachems of the *French* Indians come to Town as I am told, to treat with his Excellency our Governour, about liberty to Settle among our Indians the 5 Nations, and that they will leave the *French;* some of them were at *Deerfield* when the mischief was done there. Our Assembly have Voted the Raising 1607 *l.* for the Defence of the Fronteers.

Our Assembly is now Sitting, and *William Nicoll Esq.* is chosen Speaker, who was approv'd of by his Excellency.

His Excelency *EDWARD* Viscount *Cornbury*, Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief in and over Her MAJESTY's Colony of *New-York*, and Territories depending thereon, *&c.* His

Speech[105] to the Honourable the COUNCIL and Representatives in General Assembly now Sitting in the City of *New-York*, upon *Thursday* the 14*th* of *June*, 1705.

Gentlemen,

I *Am sorry the QUEEN's service in the Neighbouring Province, and the ill Weather we have lately had, have hindered me from meeting this Assembly so soon as I at first intended; however, I hope you will still have time enough to dispatch such things as may be necessary to be provided for at this time. Those which I shall more particularly Recommend to the care of you* Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, *are these,*

First, *That a Sum may be provided sufficient to pay One Hundred Fuzileers, and Fifty Out-scouts, with their proper Officers, to be sent to* Albany *and places adjacent, for the Defence of the Fronteers for one year, and likewise that Provision may be made for their going up to & returning from* Albany, *and likewise for Bedding for them while they are there: This is of absolute Necessity at this time, because I have received an account of a Design of the* Waghana Indians, *with several other Nations in amity with the* French, *to Attack our* Five Nations, *who if they see that we are either not willing or not able to support and defend them against their Enemies, will the more easily be perswaded to go over to the* French; *the ill Consequences whereof are so well known, that I need not mention them to you, nor will I now trouble you with any particulars of this News, because I had it from those Gentlemen who are chosen to serve in this Assembly for the County of* Albany, *and who are well able to inform you of the Truth of that matter.*

The Next *thing I recommend to your Care, is the providing such a Sum as may be sufficient to pay and defray the Charges of the Detachment sent up to* Albany *for the Defence of the Fronteers last fall, an Account whereof shall be laid before you.*

I must take notice to you, That the Bill for settling the Militia, which was passed in the year 1702. is expired by its own Limitation; I think 'tis very necessary that Act should be Revived.

The Difficulties which some very worthy Ministers of the Church of England *have met with in the getting the Maintenance settled upon them by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, passed in the Year 1693, moves me to propose to you the passing an Act explanatory of the afore-mentioned Act, that those worthy good Men who have*

105 In Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York. The Gaine Edition, Vol. I, p. 196. The News-Letter print differs slightly with the Journal. The speeches of Cornbury to the New York Assembly, which are printed from time to time in the News-Letter, clearly reflect the condition of public affairs in that colony. The governor constantly stirred the popular assemblies to acrimonious contention regarding legislative rights and royal prerogatives.

ventured to come so far for the Service of GOD *in his Church, and the good and edification of the People, to the* Salvation *of their* Souls, *may not for the future be vexed, as some of them have been, but may enjoy in quiet that Maintenance which was by a Law provided for them. I farther Recommend to you the passing an Act to provide for the Maintenance of some Ministers in some of the Towns at the East end of* Long-Island, *where I don't find any Provision has been yet made for propagating Religion.*

The next thing which I think does very highly deserve your serious Thoughts, is, the laying a Duty upon all European *Goods imported into this Colony from any of the Neighbouring Provinces, whereas now those Goods pay no greater Duties than those which come directly from* England. *I did recommend this matter to the last Assembly, and I am afraid the not doing of it at that time has been a considerable Prejudice to the Trade of this Province, and I am perswaded, that unless effectual care be now taken in that matter, the Trade of this place will not only become precarious, but our Navigation will be entirely ruined. I am of Opinion it would be very proper to lay a Duty upon all Rum and other Spirits imported from any place whatsoever, except* England *and Her Majesties Islands in the* West-Indies; *I therefore earnestly recommend to your care the preparing such a Bill as may effectually answer the ends proposed.*

I further recommend to your Considerations, whether the passing an Act to discourage the Exportation of Corn, and to encourage the Exportation of Flower from this Province, would not be a good advantage to Trade.

I observe, that during the late War, at a time when much greater Sums were given for the Defence of the Fronteers, than have ever been demanded since the beginning of this, the Assemblies in those times thought fit to grant several Sums of Money towards the discharging the Debts of the Province; whether it is not as reasonable to take the same Methods now to discharge the Debts which were contracted before my coming to this Government, I leave to your Considerations; only I think it a Duty incumbent on me to put you in mind of it, that the People to whom those Debts are due, may not think themselves neglected.

I am of Opinion it will be necessary to pass an Act to prevent the Clipping and Defacing the Foreign Coyn which has currency in this Province. And another for the more effectual suppressing of scandalous Houses and Bawdy-Houses, & to prevent scandalous Women from coming from the Neighbouring Provinces to live in this. And another to punish Negro, Indian and Mallatto Slaves, and to prevent them from running away from their Masters.

These, Gentlemen, *are the things I thought fit to propose to your Considerations at this time. I must now acquaint you, that Her most*

Sacred Majesty, the QUEEN, has been pleased to order, That for the future no Governour, Lieut. Governour or Commander in Chief of this Province shall receive any Gift or Present from the Country: which Order you will find entered in your Journals. All the Returns the Queen expects for easing you from the burthen of those Presents, is, That you contribute more freely to the Defence of the Country.

I have nothing more to offer to you at this time, only Unanimity in your Consultations, and Dispatch in the Matters before you.

If anything occurs to you, which you think may be for the Service of the QUEEN, and the good of the Country, you shall always find me ready not only to hear it, but to joyn heartily with you to promote anything that is Reasonable.

Lancaster, June 18th, On Thursday last, Mr. John Willard senior being hooing in his Field of Corn about a mile from the Garison, he espied an Indian between him and the Garison about 7 rod off him, and not knowing but there might be more, he ran another way to the Garison, and got safe into it and mist the Indian. 'Tis also said there was some seen at Groton and Marlborough.

Boston, On Saturday the 16th Currant, about 10 a Clock in the Forenoon, There was felt a small shake of an Earthquake in several places of this Town: but being so late at night ere we had the report of it, that we had not time to inquire into the certainty of it; made us not Insert it in our Last. 'Twas also felt at Cambridge, Maldon, Braintry, Weymouth, Milton, Dedham, Dorchester, Roxbury, Charlstown and other Towns; People at first apprehended it to be Thunder; but viewing the Air to be so clear, and no clouds to be seen, concluded it to be an Earthquake: several Platters and Dishes were tumbled off the Shelves by it, Pots and Kettles made a ratling noise with it, Stones were seen to move in the Walls, &c.

On Monday the 18th Instant, Dyed Mr. Thaddeus Maccarty of this Town, Merchant, and was Interred on Thursday the 21st Currant.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Gillam* and *Parker* from *Pensilvania; Curtice, Pope, Loring, Allen, Prentice, Smith, Blinn, Hilliard* and *Dean* from *Connecticut; Bracket, Webber, Jackson* and *Flood* from *Piscataqua.* Outward, *Jer. Vaile* for *Connecticut* Foreign Inwards, *Tho. Skuse* from *Nevis, Rich. Hall, Robert Hartly* and *William Twing* from *Fyal; John Henderson* from *Montserat*, and *Nath. Eliot* from *Bonire.* Cleared Outwards, *William Jeffries, Moses Abbot* and *Tho. Hunt* for *North-Carolina, John Fidling* for *South-Carolina; Eleazar Darby* for *Jersey; Nich. Lawrence* for *Barbadoes, Nath. Jarvies, & William Webber* for *Nevis, Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia, & Fortune Redduck* for St. *Christophers.* Outward Bound, *Samuel More* for *Antigua, William Beams* for *Fyal, Stephen Payne* for

Madera, Jeoffery Bedgood for *South-Carolina, & Wil. Everton* for *Lisbon.*

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ALL Persons in Town and Country, in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, when any remarkable Providences worthy the Recording do occurr, are hereby desired to send the same unto James Campbell Post-master of Boston, with the Circumstances thereof, whereby it may be made more evident for publick Good: which shall be Inserted accordingly in the Weekly Intelligence.

[Reprinted: tobacco pipes for sale by Messrs Bromfield and Burroughs, as in June 11; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday June 25. to Monday July 2. 1705.

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[A LITTLE less than half of the two pages which make this issue is filled with foreign news. This is mainly from Vienna, Cologne and Berlin, concerning European war movements and plans.]

Madera, May 8. Capt. Coffin arrived here 3 days ago from Boston and he is bound hence for Nevis.

Philadelphia, June 22. By a Sloop from *Virginia* that arrived on Sunday last, who came out of the Capes the *Wednesday* before, we are informed they saw 4 or 5 large Ships standing in for *Virginia,* 2 of them seem'd to be as large as third Rates; 'tis thought they came from *Lisbon.*

Yesterday Capt. *Taylor* arrived in a Sloop in 22 day from *Antigua,* who about 3 weeks since went a Flagg of Truce for *Martinico,* carried with him 64 *French* Prisoners, and brought back 75 *English,* besides some concealed which broke Goal; amongst those he carried was Capt. Clapo, who was last year on the Coast of *New-York;* who in some short time before was taken in a Privateer Sloop by an *English* Man of War; As soon as *Clapo, alias Crepo* arrived at *Martinico,* he was put on Board the Ship he now is in to Cruise on this Coast: Capt. Taylor says, that a Briganteen and a Sloop was Sailed out of *Martinico* some time before *Crepo,* that designed to Cruise on the

Coast of *New-England;* He says there are 17 Privateers out of *Martinico*, besides several others fitting out.

On Sunday last dyed at *New-Castle*, Mr. *William Clarke* one of our Council and Speaker of the Assembly for the Three Lower Counties.

Mr. *Codman* fell down the River this day in order to take in his Loading of Wheat there for *Boston.*

New-York, June 25. On *Thursday* morning last Sailed out of *Sandy-hook*, the Ship, Briganteen, & 2 Sloops which are in pursuit of the *French* Privateer, they have 350 able men on board the 4 Vessels. We have Advice that the Privateer stood off to Sea on *Monday* last, since which time we have not heard of him. The Embargo I suppose will be continued here till the return of our Vessels.

New-London, June 28. Last *Fryday* about Sun-set there was felt in this Town a small shake of an Earthquake, which was also felt at *Saybrook*, it was accompanied with a noise like Thunder, but no Clouds in the Sky.

Newport Rhode, Island, June 29 On *Wednesday* last Capt. *Halsey's* Prize was Condemned here at the Court of Admiralty.[106] There is a Vessel just arrived from *Barbadoes*, who came out in Company with several for *Boston.*

Boston, On Tuesday the 26th Instant, William Wilde, one of the Privateers of Quelch' Crew who was condemn'd to dye for Piracy, and reprieved till Her Majesty's Pleasure concerning him and his fellows was known, who made his escape out of Prison here the 7th day of September last, was this morning apprehended and committed to close Prison.[107]

On *Saturday* the 30th of *June*, His Excellency Prorogu'd the General Assembly unto *Wednesday* the 5th of *September* next.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Harris* from *New-London*, *Newman* from *Piscataqua*, *Coffin & Lathrop* from *Nantucket.* Outwards, *Gillam, Hall, Smith & Allen* for *Connecticut* Foreign Inwards, *John Wright* from *Newfoundland*, *Wil. Herbert* from *Madera*, & *Noah Chamne* from *Virginia.* Cleared Outwards, *John Holland, Jonathan Stevens, John Waters, Joseph Holton, Phillip Lewis, John Hoddy & Samuel Moore* for *Antigua, Rich. Friend* for *Newfoundland, Wil. Beams* for *Fyall, Stephen Payne* for *Madera*, & *Jer. Cushing* for *Virginia.* Outward bound, *John Porter & Tho. Miller* for *Antigua, John Chamberlin* for *Fyall, Dirick Adolph*, and *Adolph D'Groof* for

106 See News-Letter Nos. 49, 53, 59, 60 *ante.*

107 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay : . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 395. See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704) *ante*, 66 *post.* See foot-note News-Letter No. 14 *ante.*

New-York, and *Nicholas Thomas Jones* for *North Carolina.*

Advertisements.

[Reprinted: advertisement of the Reverend John Brown's book, "Life of Justification," as in August 14, 1704; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday July 2. to Monday July 9. 1705.

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[THE two folio pages of this issue are about equally divided between reports of foreign and domestic affairs. From Brescia, Dresden, Paris, Hague, Venice and Vienna, under January dates, is a variety of war news. Among the domestic items is a list of acts passed by the General Court of Massachusetts.]

Philadelphia, June 28. On the 25 arrived here a Sloop from *Barmudas*, one *Burrows* Master, who came from *Barmudas* loaden for this place last Fall: he Wintered at *Barmudas*, from whence he set twice out this Spring in order to come hither, but both times he met with violent Storms, in which he lost Masts, Sailes, and two men, a white and a Negro over-board, and was forced to return again; with the third time Setting out he got safe here.

New-York July 2d. On the 29 *June* arrived here a Sloop from *Jamaica*, one *Seward* Master, who Sailed from *Porto-Morant* the 5*th.* of said Month, by whom we have Advice, That Admiral *Whetstone* was arrived there the 17*th* of *May* with 6 Men of War, and 13 Merchant Ships bound thither, and that he was either gone or going with 10 Men of War upon the Coast of *New-Spain*, to recall all Privateers from making War upon the *Spaniards*, and to Settle a Trade with them: And 'tis believed he has orders Relating to the *Spaniards* of great Importance, though not yet made Publick. The Island of *Jamaica* has had of late a Considerable Trade with the *Spaniards*, especially for Slaves and Dry Goods. They Write two Trading Sloops were returned to *Port Royal* from the Spanish Coast, The one with 80 Thousand, and the other with 60 Thousand pieces of Eight; And that 4 Men of War more were dayly expected there from *England.*

The same day our Private Man of War came in to *Sandyhook* with the 2 Sloops that went in pursuit of the *French* Privateer; they have

been along shore to the Capes of *Delaware*, but could not hear of him; two of them (the Ship and a Sloop which Sail very well) I'm told are ordered to Cruise towards *Block-Island*.

There was no *Boston* Vessel at *Jamaica* that *Seward* knows of. *Keersteed* and *Teller* bound for *Boston* as soon as the Embargo is taken off, and *Coward* for *England, via Virginia*, & several vessels for other parts.

Wells, July 3. A Whale Boat from *Sacho* gives account that this morning before Sun rise, they discovered several great Smoaks, a small distance from the Fort, which is concluded to be a Body of the Enemy.

Marblehead, July 8. Last night came in a Shallop of our Town, who informs, that on the 3d Instant, they espied a Wreck on part of *Montenicus* Rocks, they went on Board her, and judge her to be about 200 Tons, a new Ship, white bottom, no Mast standing, part of her Keel gone, her Rudder about 2 foot left, she had 8 Ports on a side, a Lion quarter pieces, and all carved work yellow; they took out of her a Cable about 12 Inches, Oyl, Turpentin, Whale-bone, and several other things, they found on Board a flowered sattin pair of Stays, a silver Porringer marked N ^{T} M;[108] when they left the Ship she righted, and they believe then her bottom came out; they found no person on board her.

Boston, Sundry Acts passed the 30th of *June*, by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New-England*. Begun and Held at *Boston*, upon *Wednesday* 30th of *May* 1705,

An Act for the ease of Prisoners for Debt.

An Act, for apportioning and assessing of two several Taxes on Polls and Estate pursuant to the Grants made to Her Majesty by the General Assembly, in the Year 1704. for 22422.l.

An Act for the further and longer continuing in force several Acts therein mentioned that are near expiring.

On Monday July 2. Dyed here Lieut. Colonel Thomas Savage, aged 65 years and 2 months, who was Interred on Thursday the 5th Instant, being attended with the Regiment in Arms.[109]

On *Tuesday* the 3d. Arrived here Capt. *Taylor* from *Bristol*, who was taken by the *French*, and re-taken by the *Dutch*, he came from *Rotterdam* about the 10th of *April* last.

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108 For Judge Sewall's note on this see the Historical Sketch of the News-Letter, page 59 of this volume.

109 Lieutenant-colonel of the Boston Regiment from 1702 till his death. See Judge Sewall's Diary under date July 5 (1705).

On *Thursday* the 5th, Arrived Cap. *William Alden* from *Barbadoes*, who came out thence with the Fleet bound for *London* the 10th of *June* last, with several other vessels bound hither, and 2 for *New York*, *D'hart* in a Ship, and another in a Briganteen. Capt. *Alden* was Chased 2 or 3 days in the Latitude of *Bermuda* by a pritty big Ship, but he out Sayl'd her, and supposes her to be the same Privateer that is upon the Coast of *New-York*.

Capt. *Hunkings* with the other Vessels that Sailed with him in Company from *Boston* were safely arrived at *Barbadoes*.

On *Fryday* the 6th. Sailed Capt. *Courtemanch*, who came hither to His Excellency from the Governour of *Canada*, in order to Concert Measures for the Exchange of Prisoners, between whom there is a good understanding.[110]

The Wreck mentioned in the Paragraph of *Marblehead* is supposed to be the same that is mentioned in our *Numb.* 53. to be then seen by Capt. *Welsh* on St-*George's* Bank the 16th of *April* last; and is concluded to be Capt. *John Balston's* Ship, one of the Fleet that Sailed from *Portsmouth New-Hampshire*, Ap[r]il 6*th*, mentioned in our *Numb.* 51.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Bracket*, *Flood*, *Allen* and *Wair* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Adolph* and *De Groof* for *New York*, *Hartly* and *Blinn* for *Connecticut*, *Nicholas Thomas Jones* for *North-Carolina*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Everton*, and *William Alden* from *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Taylor* from *Bristol*, and *William Cook* from *Montserat*. Cleared Outwards, *John Mason* for *Curacoa*, *John Porter* for *Antigua*, and *William Thomas* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *James Grant for Whitehaven* in *England*, *Newcomb Blague* for *Fyall*, *Bartholomew Green* for *Jamaica*, *Ebenezar Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*, *Samuel Ward*, *Ebenezar Breed* and *Joseph Everton* for *Barbadoes*.

Advertisements.

THere is this day Printed and to be Sold at the Post-Office, half a Sheet, containing several solid Arguments offered to the Inhabitants of New-England, and the other Neighbouring Provinces, in the Northern Parts of America, to Encourage the Sowing of Hemp; demonstrating the same to be of far greater advantage to the Husbandman, than the Sowing or Planting of any other Grain; with Rules and Directions for sowing, watering and dressing it; several Objections answered, with some proposals for others to promote the same; especially, That all Persons every where, who have any Hemp growing in this & the Neighbouring Provinces, would use

110 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII. p. 512. See News-Letter Nos. 50, 56, 60, 61 *ante*.

their particular and utmost care to save what Seed they can for the publick benefit: let none imagine that by furnishing others with Seed, it will lessen their own profit, for there cannot be too much Sown to glut the Market.

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From Monday July 9. to Monday July 16. 1705.

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[NEARLY three of the four columns of this issue are given to foreign news from Hague, Vienna, Milan and elsewhere, and to a report of the meeting of the Irish Parliament in Dublin.]

Belfast, Jan. 29. *This day came in here a Ship belonging to the Port, which was taken on the 26th of the last Month, by the* Lorrine, *a* French *Privateer, The Enemy put on board her 6* French-men, *a* Dane, *and one* John Bevin, *who was Master of the* Kent *Pink of* Bristol, *taken some time before, and carried into* Martinico, *leaving with them only 3 Men and a Boy belonging to the Ship. On the 13th instant, about 150 Leagues off of Cape* Clear, *the said* John Bevin, *by the help of these 3 Men and a Boy, and the* Dane, *rescued the Ship from the* French, *and brought her safe in here.*

Falmouth, Feb. 10. On the 6th Instant arrived here the Six Islands Pacquet-Boat from *Jamaica, Nathaniel Vring* Commander, which came from hence in 8 weeks. The Master gives an Account, That Her Majesty's Ship the *Mermaid* had brought into *Jamaica* a *French* Prize of about 30 Guns, bound to *New-Spain*, and valued at between 30 and 40 Thousand Pounds Sterling.

Plimouth. Feb. 11. The 8th Instant came in here the Robert Privateer of Middlebourg, with a Prize called the *Francis* of *Nantz*, from *Martinico*, laden with Sugar, Cocoa and Cotton.

St. Johns Newfoundland, June 8. Last week arrived 2 Ships from *England* into *Conception-Bay;* They say, That 3 Men of War from *England* with Recruits for the Garison were bound hither with a Fleet of Merchant-men. That the Indians have accepted of Bills for the Redemption of the People of *Bonavist.*

Philadelphia, July 5. This morning came here several persons that were taken in 3 Briganteens off the Capes of *Virginia* by Capt. *Crapo;* the first of which was Capt. *Violet* from *Jamaica* bound to

Virginia, whose Vessel they sunk, he was taken 21 *June;* next was Capt. *Pitts* from *England* and the *Madera's* loaden with Wine, bound for *Maryland*, whose Vessel with the Commander they sent to *Martinico*, after which they took *Robert Starky* from *Boston* bound to *Virginia*, whose Briganteen they gave the Prisoners on *Monday* 25th *June*, who parted with them between the Capes of *Virginia* and our Capes, ordering them to come into this River, forbidding them to go to *Virginia*, else if they did and met them, they should find no Quarter. They say they wait for a Guinea Ship bound for *Virginia* with Negro's, before they go off the coast. *Starky's* Briganteen is under a seizure at *New-Castle*.

On the 3d Instant, one *Carman* in a small Sloop coming round the Capes of *Virginia*, was taken by some of *Crapo's* men in a *Perriagar* which Sloop and *Pitts* from *Madera* was taken in sight of the *Strumbulo* Man of War, who fired several Shot at the Privateer, but to no purpose, they could not come up with him; The Sloop lost Company of the Ship 4 or 5 days, and despaired of meeting them, but met the Ship again; The 26th of *June* they gave them their Sloop again.

Burlington, July 6. There are two Men of War come to *Virginia*, to Convoy home the Fleet for *England*, and the *Strumbulo* Man of War is ordered now to stay and go with them.

New-York, July 9th. On the 5th. Instant Capt. Dehart arrived here from Barbadoes; and yesterday Capt. Basset from St. Thomas in 16 days, who says, they heard there by a French Privateer that a Briganteen from New York with Horses upon her Deck, was taken and carryed into Martinico, which we suppose to be Capt. Leach, who was bound for Nevis: (Perkins whom we feared was taken being arrived in Barbadoes:) And also that two Privateers who designed for this Coast (a Sloop and a Briganteen) were come out of Martinico' but they wanted men and were gone to Porto Rico to supply themselves. We have heard nothing of Coll. Peartree since he went last out in pursuit of the French Privateer: we suppose he is gone towards Block-Island; he has 140 men on board the Ship, and 80 in the Sloop; they both Sail well.

Rhode Island, July 13 Tho. Barnes is arrived here from Barbadoes.

Boston, On Monday the 9th Currant about Noon, there was a smart Clap of Thunder and Lightning with Rain, which split the Mast and Pump of a Sloop near *Charlstown* Ferry, belonging to one *John Turner*.

On *Wednesday* arrived *William Skinner* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes*, who on *Monday* last about noon met with a Thunder Clap & Lightning at Sea that shivered his Mast, struck down the men on Board,

whom it stunn'd for some small time, started the Hoops of the Casks in the Hould.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Smith*, *Walter*, *Carter* and *Dutch* from *Connecticut*, and *Schellinx* from *Long-Island*. Outwards, *Wair* for *Piscataqua*, and *Harris* for *New-London*. Foreign Inwards, *John Foster*, *Thomas Landel*, and *William Skinner* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, *Andrew Wilson*, and *Nathaniel Perkins* for *Barbadoes*, *Ebenezar Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*, and *Thomas Woodbridge* for *Madera*. Outward Bound, *Samuel Cary* for *Tercera*, *Thomas Taylor*, and *Thomas Skuse* for *Nevis*, *John Butler* for *Lisbon*, *Henry Tew*, and *William Skinner* for *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Pope* for *Maryland*, *David L'Breton* for *Fyal*, *Samuel Edwards* for *Ruanoke*, *Samuel Clarke*, and *William Cooke* for *Montserat*.

Advertisements.

EDward Bromfield and Paul Dudley Esqrs. Administrators to the Estate of James Gray late of Boston, Pedlar, Deceased: Do by the direction of the Honourable Isaac Addington Esq. Judge of the Probate of Wills, and Granting Letters of Administration &c. for the County of Suffolk, give notice to all persons whomsoever, who have any of the Estate or Writings of the said James Gray, That they forthwith deliver the same to the said Judge or Administrators, or in case of refusal, they will be prosecuted with the utmost Rigour of the Law.

THere is now Published The Danger of Speedy Degeneracy. Held forth in a Sermon Preached at Boston-Lecture the 5th Instant. By the Reverend Mr. Solomon Stoddard of North Hampton, from Judges 2. 11. Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West End of the Town House.

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From Monday July 16. to Monday July 23. 1705.

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[THE foreign news in this issue relates almost entirely to military movements on the continent of Europe, and is comprised in letters from Vienna, Lisbon and elsewhere. Included in the domestic news, under the regular Boston heading on the second page, is a column of miscellaneous English news brought in by the man-of-war Deptford and two merchant vessels. The proclamation of Queen Anne assembling Parliament, April 23, is published. The

domestic news includes report of the proceedings in connection with the pardon of the remaining members of the pirate Quelch's crew and their release from jail.]

St. Johns Newfoundland, June 27 On the 2d. Instant, we were alarmed here by some *French Spies*, 2 of them were seen within Pistol Shot of the Castle, the Sentinels fired at them between 12 and 1 a Clock at night. On the 13th Instant, two men were carried away from fresh Water about 15 Leagues from hence by 4 or 5 Indians. *Eleazar Moses* in a Briganteen that was bound hither from *Boston*, in whom was Masters, *Arthur Jeffrey*, and *William Keen* are taken, and carried in to *Placentia;* whom we daily expect here; 2 of the Briganteen's men run away, and are come hither, who inform us, That the *French* at *Placentia* are very hard put to it, and cannot fish for want of Salt and Provisions; And that there is about 300 *French* & Indians designing to come and make an attack upon St, *Johns*. There is 2 Men of War and 7 Merchant-men arrived from *England*, by whom we are acquainted, That most of the Outward bound Ships from *France* to *Canada* and *Placentia* were taken near the Channel of *England* by several of our Men of War that were Convoys to our Outward bound Ships this Spring. A person that came from *Plimouth* in one of these Men of War informs, that he heard one of the Mast-Fleet from *New-England* was arrived at *Portsmouth*, but knows not the Commanders name.

On the 18th arrived a Briganteen from *Lisbon*, in 33 days, one *Portlock* Master.

Philadelphia, July 12. One *Jones* arrived here this day in 17 days from *Antigua*, who in the Latitude of *Bermuda* saw a Ship lay by for him, but made the best of his way, not caring to trust him: he says no Privateers have been seen or heard of late at those Islands, and concludes they are call'd in upon some other design.

New York, July 16. Our Private Man of War is returned from *Block Island* without seeing the Privateer.

Last night by a Sloop from *Virginia* in 6 days, we are acquainted, That the *Strumbulo* Man of War had chased the Privateer on that Coast; but could not come up with her, but 3 days afterwards he came up with her again and fired a great many shot into her; upon which *Crapo* the Privateer threw Overboard his *Priaugar*, several Casks, & great Guns, and on a sudden it grew calm, which gave him the opportunity of using his Oars, by means whereof he escaped.

The *Strumbulo* sent her Pinnace mann'd, under the Quarter of the Privateer, who fired not a Gun at them, but they durst not venture to board her.

Capt. *Coward* from hence bound to *England*, was arrived in *Virginia*. The *Oxford* and *Hastings* Frigots, with a Briganteen were arrived there from *Guinea*. And they expect two more from *England*.

Ipswich, *July* 20 On Sabbath the 8th Currant, *Lydia Potter*, Wife of *Samuel Potter*, was found dead, having cut her own throat; who about a week before had done the like, but was found alive and stitched up again; she was a Woman who was several years Distracted.

Beverly, *July* 20. On the 17th arrived *Jonathan Wheeler* in 18 days in a Sloop from *Antigua*, who came out of *Param* the same day that 8 Sail came from St *Johns* under Convoy of the *Linn* Man of War, Capt. *Martin* Commander, whom he joined in the night and spoke with Cap. *Pitts* who carried the light, who told him to fall a Stern; The Man of War not knowing of his Sailing with the Fleet, seeing him to the Leward, supposing him to be an Enemy, bore down upon him, and fired a Gun at him; upon which *Wheeler* lowered his Sails, The Man of War hailed him, and he said from *Antigua*, but he understood him to be from *Martinico*, upon which he fired 10 Shot more, one of which hull'd him, split the Beam in the Cabbin, 4 Muskets, 2 Quadrons, and wounded a Woman in the Skull with some of the Splinters.

Boston, On the 18*th* Currant arrived here the *Deptford* Man of War, a 4th Rate of 50 Guns, Cap. *Charles Stuckley* Commander, who Sailed from *Plymouth* the 19 day of *May* last, in Company with a Fleet of about 120 Sail, under Convoy of 8 Men of War bound for *Virginia*, the *West-Indies*, *New-England*, *New-York*, *&c.* with whom came out for *Boston* Capt. *Rymes* in a Ship, and Capt. *George Fane* Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the *Lowstoff*, a 5th Rate for *New-York*, with Capt-*Payne* in the *Gray Hound;* the *Deptford* and *Lowstoff* Men of War were separated from the Fleet before they came the length of *Fyall*, where they 2 put in & staid a few days, *Rymes* and *Payne* kept on with the *Virginia* Fleet which the 2 Men of War parted with about 6 Weeks ago; And the *Lowstoff* for *New-York* parted with the Deptford about 14 days since. The Advice that we have from *England* is as follows: . . . That Admiral *Bing* with the *Medway*, and 3 other Men of War, has brought into *Scilly* after a furious and obstinate Fight, one *French* Man of War of 48 Guns, a Privateer of 18 Guns, and 4 large *West-India* Ships. . . . That 2 of Her Majesty's Men of War bound for Newfoundland, met with a *French* Store Ship of about 26 Guns, bound from France to Canada, which they took. . . . That Capt. *Rows* from *Barbadoes*, belonging to *Boston*, was accidentally burnt in the River of Thames, who had on board about 100 Hogsheads of Sugar, & some baggs of Cotton Wool. That Capt. *Gillam* is bound from *London* to *Boston*

in the same Ship that he went from hence, and another large Ship besides is also bound here, who are supposed to Sail in about 6 weeks after this Fleet that came out. There is also another Man of War designed for this place, and another for *New-York*. There was lately brought in to *England* with a Squadron of Cruisers under Sir *George Byng* a *French* Man of War of 44 Guns, and 12 Privateers, and 7 of the Enemy's Merchant Ships, most of the latter richly loaden from the *West-Indies*.

On *Thursday* the 19th Instant, His Excellency our Governour Sat in a Court of Admiralty for Tryal of Pirates, *&c.* and Published Her Majesty's Commission for the said Court directed to himself, the Lieutenant Governour, the Council and several other Gentlemen.

After which the 7 Pirates of *Quelch's* Crew remaining in Goal were set to the Bar, *viz. Charles James*, *William Wildes*, *John Dorrothy*, *John Pittman*, *John Carter*, *Dennis Carter* and *Charles King*: His Excellency acquainted them, that whereas 13 months since they were Arraigned and Condemned at that Bar for Piracy, and 6 of the chief of them were Executed, he was now Advised by Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State, That the Proceedings of the Commissioners in that Matter were very well taken and approved of, by Her Sacred Majesty, and that Her Majesty whose Prerogative alone it is to pardon and shew mercy to such Condemned Criminals as they were, had been graciously pleased upon the Application and Representation of Her Governour to pardon them: And he expected as he had kept his word and promise to them in applying for Her Majesty's mercy to them, they would remember and keep theirs with him, in being honest, sober and good men for the future; That as they had now new Lives given them, they should be new men, and be very faithful and diligent in the Service of Her Majesty; who might as easily and justly have ordered their Execution this day as sent their Pardon.

And then His Excellency Published part of a Letter from the Right Honourable Sir Charles Hedges, Principal Secretary of State, signifying Her Majesty's Pleasure upon the Governours Humble Application to Her Majesty to Pardon the remaining Pirates (of whom 6 were Executed last year) and the before-mentioned 7 were accordingly Discharged, and will be disposed of in Her Majesty's Service by the Governour.[111]

The Act of Parliament in England for the Encouragement of Transporting Naval Stores from the Plantations to England was

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111 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 394-395. See News-Letter Nos. 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 14 (1704), 63 *ante*. See foot-note News-Letter No. 14 *ante*.

this day read in Council, and will be soon published, which contains great premiums to the Transporter, and is of very great advantage to these Provinces.

Capt. *Grant* Bound for *Whitehaven* in *England*, will Sail in Fourteen Dayes at furthest.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Lothrop*, *Sturges*, *Cutler*, *Prince*, *Parker* and *Foster* from *Connecticut; Cutler* and *Thorp* from *Jersey; Rhodes & Cutler* from *Rhode-Island; Parker*, *Lyford*, *Sergant & Flood* from *Piscataqua*. Outward, *Hedge* for *Connecticut*, and *Rhodes* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Thorn* from *Nevis*, *Jonathan Wheeler* from *Antigua*, *Abraham Gordin* from *Newfoundland*, & *Robert Mitchel* from *Lisbon*. Foreign Cleared Outwards, *Ebenezar Breed*, *Alex. Baker*, *John Carter*, *Joseph Everton*, *Will. Harbert*, *Samuel Ward*, *Will. Russel*, and *John Blackleach* for *Barbadoes; Bartholomew Green* for *Jamaica*, *Samuel Edwards for Roanoke*, and *John Chamberlin* for *Fyall*. Outward Bound, *Zachariah Simms*, and *Benjamin Pickman* for *Newfoundland*.

Advertisements.

THere is now Published, Some Observable Passages in the Life and Death of Mr. Michael Wigglesworth: With a Funeral Sermon Preached for him at Maldon, June 24th. 1705. An Epistle Dedicated to the Church and Congregation at Maldon in New England: To which is annexed his Farewell to the World in Metre, and other Memorials of Piety left behind him among his written Experiences. Sold by Nich. Buttolph, & Benj. Eliot.

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[NEARLY three columns of this issue are filled with foreign war news in letters of various February dates from Florence, Dantzick, Cologne, Hamburg, Venice, Vienna, Berlin and other European capitals.]

Port-Royal in *Jamaica*, *June* 19 Admiral *Whetstone* is Cruising on the *Spanish* Coast, with 7 Sail of Men of War, and we daily expect more Men of War with Fire-Ships and a Bomb Ketch to joyn them:

Our Fleet of Merchantmen will Sail for *London* in a Month. Our Packet Sailed the 16th Instant.

New York, July 23. There is a great prodigious Tooth brought here, supposed by the shape of it to be one of the far great Teeth of a man; it weighs four pound & three quarters, the top of it is as sound and white as a Tooth can be, but the Root is much decayed, yet one of the Fangs of it holds half a pint of Liquor; It was lately dug up, a great way under ground in the side of a Bank or Hill 30 or 40 Foot above it, at or near a place call'd *Clavarack*, about 30 miles on this side of *Albany*, and is lookt upon here as a mighty wonder, whither the Tooth be of Man or Beast: They also Dug up several Bones, which as they came to the Air crumbled away: They say one of them which is thought to be a Thigh-bone was 17 Foot long. There is since another Tooth taken up in the same place, which is a Fore-Tooth flat and broad, and is as broad as a mans Four Fingers, which I have not yet seen; but the other I did see, and was brought here by a Gentleman of the Assembly: They dug up several Trees in the same place of great bigness.

On the 19th Instant arrived at *Sandyhook*, Her Majesty's Ship the *Lowstoff*, Capt. *George Fane* Commander, she left *Plymouth* the 19th *May* last, in Company with the *Virginia* and *West-India* Fleets, and the *Deptford* Man of War for *Boston*, whom she parted with 16 days ago. Capt. *Cumby* for this place designed to sail with them, but is not come out. *Edward Nott* Esqr. is gone Lieutenant Governour to *Virginia*, and is on Board the Fleet: And Col. *Park* General for the Leward Islands. The Fleet for *Lisbon* and the *Streights* were ready to Sail, consisting of about 70 Men of War. A Ship and Briganteen came out with the *Virginia* Fleet for *Philadelphia*. The *Lowstoff* will Cruise some time for our Ships from *England*.

Piscataqua, July 27. Last Week a small Ketch came in at our little Harbour, but no Master, Men, Goods, Riggin or Owner. The Collector hath taken her into Custody.

This day the Reverend Mr. *John Clark*, Minister of *Exeter* is to be Interr'd, who Dyed the 25 Instant, in the Flower of his Age, whose Loss is universally lamented, being a person of indefatigable Industry, and Exemplary Piety.

Boston, On *Wednesday* the 25th Currant about noon, we had a smart clap of Thunder & Lightning with Rain, which shivered the Mast of a Sloop near to the South Battery, whereof *Abraham Gordin* is Master, has made the Mast useless, it stunned a Negro Boy in the Hould, and a man near to the Sloop. The same day it shook the Province-Galley and a Sloop, between *Marblehead* and *Boston*.

On *Thursday* the 26th Currant, was Published here several Acts of Parliament, *viz*

An Act, *To prevent all Traiterous Correspondence with Her Majesties Enemies.*

An Act, *Prohibiting all Commerce and Trade with* France.

An Act for *Encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores from Her Majesty's Plantations in* America to England. Granting a Reward or Præmium to the im[p]orter, *viz,*

For good and Merchantable Tar *per* Ton containing 8 Barrels, each Barrel to Gage 31 Gallons and an half, *Four Pounds.*

For good and Merchantable Pitch *per* Ton, each Ton containing 20 gross hundreds (net Pitch) to be brought in 8 Barrels, *Four Pounds.*

For good and Merchantable Rozin or Turpentine *per* Ton, each Ton containing 20 Gross Hundreds (net Rozin or Turpentine) to be brought in 8 Barrels, *Three Pounds.*

For Hemp Water, rotted, bright and clear, *per* Ton, containing 20 Gross Hundreds, *Six Pounds.*

For all Masts, Yards and Bowsprights, *per* Ton, allowing 40 Foot to each Ton, Girt measure, according to the customary way of measuring Round Bodies, *One Pound.*

On the 29. Instant Arrived here Capt. Rymes from London who left Plymouth the 19th May last, came out in Company with the Virginia and West India Fleet, under Convoy of 8 men of War, he parted with the Virginia Fleet about 7 Weeks ago, and with the Gray hound for N. York, Capt. Payn Master about a fortnight since, 200 Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Codd: In his passage he met with strong Westerly Winds.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Wair* from *Piscataqua*, *Hedge*, *Grover*, *Vail*, *Lothrop* and *Gardner* from *Connecticut* Outwards, *Smith*, *Sturges*, *Prince and Wells* for *Connecticut;* Foreign Inwards, *John Richards* from *Jamaica*, *John Welch* from *Barmuda*, *Peter Leach* from *Nevis*, *Francis Norris* from *Montserat*, and *John Hobbs* from *Antigua.* Cleared Outwards, *Humphry Scammon* for *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Pope* for *Maryland*, *John Webster* for *Corratuck*, *Newcomb Blague* for *Fyall*, *Benjamin Pittman* for *Newfoundland*, and *Thomas Miller* for Nevis. Outward Bound, *George Write* for *Newfundland.*

☞ *His* Excellency *intends a Meeting of the General Assembly on* Wednesday *the 5th* of September *next, unto which day they stand Prorogued; Having Matters of Importance to Communicate to them by Her Majesties Especial Command.*

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THere is now Published, Abraham the Passenger, His Privilege and Duty: Described in an Election Sermon at Boston N. E.

May 30 1705. By Joseph Easterbrooks, A. M. And Pastor of the Church of Christ at Concord. Sold by Benj. Eliot at his Shop under the West End of the Town House.

THere is Set up by the White Horse near to Capt. Turffey's in the South End of the Town of Boston, one Jeremiah Jackson lately come from London, a special good Workman for Weaving of all manner of Stuff, Searges and Druggets, &c. who undertakes to work on very Reasonable Terms.

TO be Sold at the Post-Office in Boston: The Monthly Mercury's, London Gazetts, Flying Posts, Observators, Post Man and Post Boys, either in Setts by the year or single; so that any person in Town or Country, in this or the Neighbouring Provinces, may have them on Reasonable Terms, agreeing with John Campbell Post Master for the same.

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[IN this issue, which is of two pages only, special prominence is given in the first column of the first page, under date Dublin, February 17, to the addresses made by both houses of the Irish Parliament to the queen and the answer of the queen thereto. There is also a letter from Edinburgh concerning the meeting of the general assembly of the Church, and a considerable variety of minor war news from Hague, Vienna and Cologne. The last column on the first page and a half column on the second page are filled with domestic news.]

Philadelphia, July 27. The Ship *Norwich* designs for *London* very shortly, and to touch at *Lisbon* for the benefit of Convoy from thence. Our vessels from *England* not yet Arrived.

New-York July 30th. By a Sloop from Jamaica in 23 days, one Jolin Master, who arrived the 25th. We are acquainted, That Admiral Whetston has taken a French Ship of 44. Guns on the Coast of New-Spain; she went from Guinea to New-Spain with Negro's, and there disposed of them, and having the produce on Board was bound for France; she is thought to be a very rich Prize. No News as yet of the Arrival of the Virginia Fleet, nor when the Homeward bound

Fleet Sailes. Petty, Smallage and Lawrence Sailed last Week for Boston. The Act of Parliament for the Encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores to England, The Act prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with France; And an Act to prevent all Traiterous Correspondence with Her Majesties Enemies, were Published here.

Cambridge, July 31st. This Day was held here the Superiour Court of Assize, and General Goal delivery, where a Souldier belonging to the Castle was Arraigned for deserting Her Majesties Service, Who pleaded Guilty to the Indictment; and was ordered, to be set upon the Gallows for the space of one whole Hour, with a Rope about his Neck, and suffer 3 Months Imprisonment.

Boston, Per Captain *Rimes* from *London*, we have the following Advice [Here follows a half column of foreign news items.]

By Letters *Via Virginia & Philadelphia* by a Ship met at Sea, from on Board the Mast Fleet bound to *England* under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Advice* of the 30th of *April* last, in Lat. 44 and about 550 Leagues to the Eastward of *Cape Cod*, we have Advice, that having Sailed from *Piscataqua* on the 6th. They had a very great Storm of Snow upon the 8th, in which they lost Company with the *Expedition*, *John Balston* Master, and the Ketch *William* and *John*, *Richard Waterhouse* Master, and on said day one *Mortimore* Mate to Mr. *Corney* was lost Overboard. The 9th in the morning the Man of War saw Cap. *Balston's* Ship Foundered, being full of water, and her Masts all by the Board, the water running out at the Cabbin Windows. The same day Mr. *Thomas Cooper*, Merchant, was taken ill, and on the 12th he was taken Speechless, & dyed the 18th. Mr. *John Bonus* was then living but very bad. The 12th they lost Company with the Ketch *Hope*, *Robert Almony* Master, and on the 13th they lost Company with the *Dove*, *John Wilde* Master.

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Loring*, *Hilliard*, *Mitchel*, *Allen*, and *Blin* from *Connecticut*, *Lawrence* from *N. York*. Outwards, *Hedge*, *Walter*, *Lothrop & Wells* for *Connecticut*, *Schellinx* for *N. York*, *Wells & Breed* for *Piscataqua:* Foreign Inwards, *Thomas Bell*, and *John Wilkins* from *North-Carolina*, *Samuel Rimes* from *London*, *Ebenezar Coffin* from *Madera*, *Stephen Codman*, *Eleazar Darby & Joshua Cornish* from *Pensilvania*, *Ezekiel Cravatt* from *Lisbone*, and *William Goddard* from *Fyall*. Cleared, Outwards, *Thomas Taylor* for *Nevis*, and *Ephraim Breed* for *Jamaica*. Outward bound, *John Love* for *Antigua*, *John Horton* for *New-foundland*, *Thomas Windsor* for St. *Christophers*, and *Francis Norris* for *Montserrat*.

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[UNDER date London, March 3, 1704-5, is published the proclamation of the queen for a general fast. Letters from Hamburgh, Vienna and Lisbon, of February dates, and from Hague, Berlin and Copenhagen in March transmit a variety of war news. About a column and a half on the second page is filled with domestic news.]

St. Johns Newfoundland, July 20. My Last advised of 300 French and Indians intending to make a descent on our Parts; some whereof, if not all, are come to *Trinity*, *Carboniere*, and *Consumption Bay;* they have taken several of the People, and sent them to *Placentia*, others they used very barbarously, and some have made their escape hither, and to *Carboniere*-Island, where they are forced to keep; so that the Fishery will be all destroyed excepting here, & at *Bonavist*, where the People have given the *French* and *Indians* 450 *l.* not to destroy the place, and yet they threaten them now again. One of Her Majesties Men of War is going to *Trinity-Bay*.

New-York, August 6 On the first Instant Arrived here Capt. Payne in the Gray-hound Galley from London, she came out with Her Majesties Ship the Lowstoff, and the Fleet bound for Virginia, and the West-Indies, &c. from Plimouth the 19th May last. On the 4th. Instant arrived here Capt. Cumby in the Genoua Galley; She Sailed from Plimouth the last of May with the Grand Fleet bound for Lisbone, whom three days after they came out, took two French Ships outward bound, loaden with Wine & Brandy, by whom they had Intelligence, that 16 or 18 great Men of War were in Brest, and ready to Sail, but not known whither: Whereupon our Fleet stood over to the Coast of France, and some of them lay 3 days in sight of Brest, and others were sent into Camaret Bay, to make the French Ships and found the Intelligence True; upon which the whole Fleet made Sail and stood for Lisbone, and two days afterwards (after a Council of War) Two Flaggs with 20 or 22 good Ships were ordered to return, and to lye off Brest for the coming out of the French Squadron: And the rest of the Fleet proceeded to Lisbone. Capt. Cumby left Fyal about 6 Weeks agoe, and in Company with him a

Dogger for Boston, and a Briganteen for Philadelphia. A Sloop is Arrived just now from Jamaica, and sayes, That the Guinea Prize, (mentioned in my last) to be taken by Admiral Whetstone, upon the Coast of New-Spain, is worth Two hundred Thousand Pounds. Vessels Outward bound, are Davis & Creago for St. Thomas, Beard for Carolina, Newenhuysen for Curacoa, Joline for Jamaica, and Gravenraedt for Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Post not yet come in.

Salisbury, August 10. On the 3*d*. Instant *Susanna Griffin* of this Town, was found dead in a small Pond of Water about a Foot and an half deep, into which 'tis Judged (through the Violence of Satans Temptations) having first Twisted her Neckcloth very hard about her Neck, she cast her self and was drown'd or suffocated: She was esteemed to be a Person of a Pious and Sober Conversation: And we hope the Inserting of such an awful Providence here may not be offensive, but rather a Warning to all others to watch against the Wiles of our Grand Adversary.

Boston, On *Monday* the 6th Currant, Mr. *Ebenezar Wentworth* coming here from the Eastward off *Casko*, he saw a Shallop, who sent a Boat with 8 hands after him, but they seeing half a dozen hands in his Boat at his Stern, they return'd back again, he judged them to be Enemies. On *Thursday* the 9th Currant, about 12 at night, Mr. *Bryan Smith* in a Briganteen from *New-Bristol*, off Cape Cod, fell in betwixt a Ship and a Sloop, the Sloop having on Board about 25 French-men, who fired some hundred shot at him, but being in his ballast & a good Sayler, he out Sailed them; the Sloop had been taken that day by a *French* Privateer of 8 Guns, and about 130 men, with part of whom the Sloop was mann'd. On *Fryday* the 10th Currant, Mr. *Smith* spoke with Capt. *Southack* in the Province Galley, who was then in Chase of the said Privateer, *Smith* kept Company with the Galley all that day; there being but little Wind, and left her in the Evening within 4 miles of them, at which time a Gale sprung up at South-East. On Saturday the 11th Instant, arrived here *Thomas Barns* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Keersteed* in a Sloop from *New York*, who met a Ketch off Cape-Cod that was in Company with him the day before, and by her working supposed there was no body on Board, and sending his Boat on Board found it so, and supposes that being Chased by a Privateer, the men run on shoar in their Boat; the Ketch is Mr. *Oburn* from *Virginia*, which *Keersteed* has brought in to *Nantasket*. Several persons arrived here to day that belonged to a *Bristol* Ship, *Thomas Taylor* Master, bound for *Nevis*, who was taken on *Thursday* last by the *French* Privateer aforesaid: Others of them belonged to *James Blin* in a Sloop bound for *Connecticut* taken also the same day; The

Privateer belongs to *Martinico*, came last from *Port-Royal* and had about 30 men from thence, which they have sent back with *Blin's* Sloop, and 2 Sloops that they took belonging to Cape-*Anne*, one of which is sunk, and have sent *Taylor* and *Blin* with them: and seeing our Galley in chase of them, they burnt *Taylors* Ship.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Hall*, *Webber*, *Parker*, *Smith*, and *Gillam* from *Connecticut*. Outwards, *Blin*, *Mitchell*, *Grover*, *Lothrop*, *Hall* and *Walker* for *Connecticut*, *Jackson* and *Mitchell* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *John Walker* from *Virginia*, *William Brown* from *Madera*, & *Ebenezar Chamberlin* from *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards, *David Breton* for *Madera*, *Thomas Skuse* for *Nevis*, *Zachary Symes*, and *George Wright* for *Newfoundland*, *William Cooke* and *Samuel Clarke* for *Monserrat*, and *James Grant* for *Whitehaven*. Outward Bound, *Peter Leach* for *Nevis*, *John Foster* for *Barbadoes*, *John Wilkins*, and *Thomas Bell* for *North-Carolina*.

[The announcement of the next meeting of the General Assembly is reprinted, as in the issue of July 30.]

☞ *Whereas the Holding the Great and General Court at* Boston, *and the Superiour Court at* Bristol, *and the Inferiour Court at* Cambridge, *at one and the same time, proves now very inconvenient, by reason of the Attendance of several Persons necessarily Required at every of the said Courts; The Justices have therefore Adjourned the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize and General Goal Delivery, which should have been held at* Bristol, *on* Tuesday, *the Eleventh of* September *next; unto* Tuesday, *the* Five *and* Twentieth *day of the said* September.

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[UNDER date Westminster, March 14, 1704-5, is a letter giving an account of the attendance of the queen upon Parliament, a list of several acts to which royal assent was given and the speech of prorogation. From Dublin, March 4, is an address of the Irish Parliament to the queen; from St. James, March 4, a report of the address to the queen, of the archbishop, bishops and clergy of Ireland, and from Berlin and Hague various war rumors. The domestic news fills a little more than one column on the second page.]

New-York, Aug. 13 On the 10th. Instant Arrived here four Privateers, viz. Captains Clavar, in a Ship, Gincks in a Briganteen, Dewint and Willoughby in two Sloops, who brought in with them a Spanish Prize, which they took in sight of the Havanna, bound in thither; She is a Ship of near 300 Tons 20 Guns, had above 100 men on board, all which were Passingers, but about 40 men who belonged to the Ship; She was boarded and taken by Capt. Clavar, who Row'd up to her in a Calm before Capt. Gincks could come up to his assistance, Capt. Clavar had 3 men kill'd and 25 Wounded, and the Spainards 8 kill'd: They loaded her at Cadiz, and is said to be a rich Prize; They brought 20 of the Prisoners hither, two of which are Fryers, the rest they put a Shoar. The loading on board the Prize is said to consist of 350 Pipes of Wine and Brandy, 4000 Jarrs of Oyl, 400 Baskets of Rezins, some Currants, Anchoves and Olives, and 12 Bayls of Dry Goods: These Privateers has near upon 400 men.

Piscataqua, Aug. 17. An Express coming from *Sacho* the 14th Instant, advising of several great Guns, and Volleys of small Shot that they heard, and supposed to be at *Casco;* Her Majesty's Council of this Province forthwith ordered a Shallop with 13 men well armed, under the Command of Lieutenant *Cotton*, to go and make Discovery thereof, but are not yet returned.

Several Tracks of the Enemy were lately discovered to the *Eastward*, and about 6 or 8 Doggs seen, which puts our Frontiers into a watchful posture.

Nathaniel Fryer Esqr formerly of the Council of this Province Dyed on *Tuesday* the 14th Instant, in the 84th Year of his Age, and was yesterday enterr'd.

Ipswich, Aug. 18. One *Clough* is arrived here in a Shallop from the *Eastward*, who the 16th Currant spoke with Capt. *Harris* in a private Sloop of War, off *Winter-Harbour*, who told him he had retaken *Blin's* Sloop (mentioned in our last) and that he was going to *Papudock* to take in the *French* men who run a Shoar, and to bring them to *Boston;* and 'tis supposed that was the Firing that was heard at *Sacho*.

Boston, By an Express to His Excellency from *Sacho*-Fort of the 13th currant, we are acquainted that the same day and the day before, there was several small and great Guns heard, and supposed to be at *Casco:* His Excellency hereupon ordered a Reinforcement to be sent to the said Fort, for fear of any Descent that should be made by the Enemy. By Passengers in a Ketch arrived from *Virginia*, we are informed, that the *Virginia* Fleet bound for *England*, consisting of about 76 Sail, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships, the *Oxford*, *Litchfield* and *Strumbulo* Men of War, Sailed the 27th

July, several Merchant-men in Company, being of good Force. Capt. *Southack* in the Province-Galley, on Saturday the 11th Currant, being in Chase of the *French* Privateer on our Coast, came within 2 miles of her, when spending his Top-Mast, he was necessitated to put in to *Cape-Cod* Harbour to refit, and Sailed from thence again on *Tuesday* the 14th Instant, the *Lords-Day* and *Monday* being very Stormy Weather: And since his coming out of *Cape-Cod*, has been in Chase of the said Privateer, and gaining upon him, obliged him to quit a Priz[e] Fishing Ketch which he had in Towe, and to sink her. Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* is ordered out to Cruise, but has been this Week kept in by contrary Winds. His Excellency Setts out on *Monday* the 20th Instant for *Stoningtoun* in *Connecticut*-Colony, with several Gentlemen to attend him, to hold a Court there, by Virtue of Her Majesty's Commission under the Broad Seal of *England*, for Inquiring, Hearing and Determining of the Case of *Owoneco Uncas*, and the *Mohegin* Indians, laid before Her Majesty in way of Complaint against the Government of that Colony, for depriving them of their Lands.

On the 19th. Currant Arrived here a Briganteen from *Nevis*, Francis Plaisteed Master, came from thence the 1st. Instant, by whom we are advised, That the Packet from England about ten days ere he Sayl'd, brought word that his Grace the Duke of Marlborough had lately a Battle with the French in Flanders, wherein he obtained a Signal Victory over the Enemy, who lost about 12000 men. Capt. Nathaniel Green from Boston to Barbadoes was taken in sight of the Island.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Tiller* and *Keersteed* from *New-York*, *Barns* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Curtis* from *Connecticut* Foreign Inwards, *John Pitts* from *Virginia*, and *Richard Daffin* from *Fyall*. Cleared Outwards, *Thomas Windsor* for St *Christophers*. Outward Bound, *Abraham Hill* for *Newfoundland*, *William Roulston*, and *William Alden* for *Barbadoes*.

Advertisement.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday August 20. to Monday August 27. 1705.

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[PROMINENCE is given in the foreign news in this issue, to a proclamation of the queen granting freedom of trade to the

merchant ships of Holland; and there is a variety of foreign war news from Madrid, Geneva, Hague, Vienna, Warsaw, Lisbon and other places on the continent of Europe. The domestic news is in one and a half columns. It relates principally to the movements of French privateers in the West Indies.]

Philadelphia, Aug. 10. Capt. Carter in the Briganteen from London and Fyal, Arrived here on Saturday: She is Loaden with Wine & some Brandy, & for bringing the Latter she is under Seizure. The Ship New Norwich bound for London, burthen 150 Tons, 10 Guns all close, carries 18 men, Intends to take the benefit of the 2 Men of War, that is to arrive from England, if they are not to tarry for the Fleet. As yet we have no Advice of the Fleets Arrival from England.

New-York, Aug. 20. A small Sloop Arrived here the 10th. Instant from St. Thomas, brings advice, That they saw several of the Fleet from England to Virginia Standing into the Capes. Her Majesties Ship the Lowstoff is ordered out to Cruise.

Boston, Our Last gave Account of *Blin's* Sloop being Re-taken; The *French*-men got on Shoar being 24, who Baracado'd themselves, and defended the Sloop so, that Capt. *Harris* could not take her, but on condition that he should let them have a Whale-Boat, wherein 12 of them went to *Port-Royal*, & the other 12 surrendered themselves Prisoners, who are brought hither in the said Sloop, wherein came Capt *Taylor* and Mr. *Blin*, who were Prisoners with the *French:* They told our Prisoners, that the Privateer who took them had also in his Passage from the *West-Indies* to *Port-Royal*, taken a Briganteen, one *Mason* Master, belonging to *Boston*, on Board whereof was Mr *John Vryling*, Merchant and part Owner, whom they left there.[112]

On Saturday the 18th Currant, several of our Fishing-Vessels from Cape *Sables*, being on their way homeward, about 30 Leagues East from Cape-*Ann*, it being a very thick Fog in the morning, they first heard the Ringing of a Ship Bell, then a sound of words, which they apprehended to be Praying, and ended with a loud Acclamation *Vive Le Roy;* after which the Fog thinning, they espied a Ship just by them, which fired and brought them to, and then sent off her Boat, took 3 of 5 that were near together, the other two escaping.

On Monday the 20th Instant, Sailed Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford* on her Cruise.

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112 Probably the briganteen "Hope," owned by Mr. Vryling and Lieutenant-Colonel Benjamin Alford of Boston. See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 616. The "Hope" was subsequently (in August, 1706) hired by the Province to bring back English prisoners from Canada, and Captain John Bonner was employed as master on her voyage to Quebec. Samuel Appleton was the commissioner to negotiate for the exchange. See News-Letter Nos. 124 and 136 *post*.

On *Thursday* the 23d Currant, the *Province-Galley* returned from her Cruise, who the *Tuesday* before spoke with Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford*, who was then going in pursuit of the *French* Privateer on our Coast, whom they judged to be going to *Port-Royal*. The Province-Galley goes out again on Monday the 27 with several Vessels and Coasters under her Convoy. On *Fryday* the 24th arrived here Mr. *Peter Bodwin* in a Sloop from *New Castle* had about 8 weeks passage, he came out thence with the Fleet for *Russia*, consisting of about 80 Sail, under Convoy of 8 Men of War, by whom we are informed, That Her Majesty's Ship the *Advice*, and the Mast Ships, and all the other Vessels that went under her Convoy from *New-England* were safely arrived in *England* the latter end of *June*, excepting Capt Balston that was lost. [Foreign News] That Cap. *Gillam* bound for *Boston*, was in the *Downs* waiting for a Convoy to Sail. On the said Day arrived from *Jamaica* Masters, *Wing* and *Mears* about 5 weeks passage, who came out in Company with the Fleet for *England*, consisting of about 52 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War; and in the night having a flurry of Wind coming thro' the Gulph of *Florida*, there was 2 or 3 Ships missing, and it's to be feared, that a Man of War if not 2 and a Merchant man was lost upon the Cape. *Capt.* Ventiman *from* Boston *was arrived at* Jamaica, *and* Mr Noyes *in the* Hannover *Briganteen of* Boston *from* Madera. *The* E[F]rench *Privateers are thick upon the Coast of* New-Spain; *and have taken several Vessels.*

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Ellwell* and *Hedge* from *Connecticut*, *Adolph* and *DeGroof* from *New-York* Outwards, *Wilkins* for *Carolina*, *Bell* for *Coratuck*, *Curtice*, *Loring*, *Allen* and *Gillam* for *Connecticut*, and *Lawrence* for *New-York*. Foreign Inwards, *Francis Plasteed* from *Nevis*, *Tho. Mears* and *John Wing* from *Jamaica*. Cleared Outwards, *John Edwards* for *Jamaica*, *Abraham* Hill for *Newfoundland*, and *Joseph Thorne* for *Nevis*. Outward Bound, *John Thomas* for *Fyall*, *John Ireland* for *Carolina*, and *Eleazar Darby* for *Pennsilvania*.

[The announcement of the next meeting of the General Assembly is reprinted, as in the issue of July 30.]

Advertisements.

RAn-away at Boston about 3 weeks ago from his Master Capt. Samuel Rymes Commander of the Barbadoes Merchant, a Man-servant named Joseph Ingerson, aged about 22 years, a well-set young man, dark complexion, pritty full fac'd, short dark hair, if not now a Wig. Whoever shall apprehend said Servant, and him safely convey to his said Master, shall have Forty Shillings Reward, and

reasonable Charges.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday August 27. to Monday September 3. 1705.

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[IN this number are four columns of foreign news including advices from Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome, Madrid, Warsaw, Geneva and elsewhere, of March dates, and the address of the house of peers of Ireland to the queen. An item under Madrid date, March 13, gives this West Indian news: "M *du Casse* is gone to *Cadiz*, in order to take the Conduct of the Galleons that sail to the *West-Indies* upon him, which increases the dissatisfaction of those Grandees who remonstrated against it to the King; and told his Majesty, That it was not fit to prefer a *French man* to a *Spaniard* in a thing of that consequence." Under date of Madera, June 14, is information from a London ship that a free trade existed with the Canaries.]

St. Johns Newfoundland, Aug. 7. Here are arrived 3 Galleys, who acquaint us, That the Express sent from hence was arrived safe in *England* ere they Sailed; and that 10 Men of War were ordered hither, with 500 Land Forces whom we daily expect. The *French* have taken a Vessel on our Coast, and the Man of War is gone in pursuit of her.

Philadelphia, Aug 23. On the 14th. Capt. *Smith* arrived from *London* Capt. *Basset* in the *Norwich* Sails tomorrow for *Virginia*, to go under Convoy of the 2 Men of War that came with the Fleet from *England* who are to Sail in 20 days after their arrival, which is now 12 days since they arrived.

New York, Aug. 27. One Dill is Arrived from St. Christophers in 19 days. The Spanish Prize mentioned in my Last, brought in here, is Condemned and now unloading, and was very full of Goods. Last Week came in here a French Prize from Newfoundland, loaden with Core Fish, She is about 100 Tons, and was taken by the Setty Privateer, Capt. Albert Defrees Commander, who was fitted out here. Her Majesties Ship the Lowstoff Sailed on her Cruise the 25th. Currant.

Boston, On *Tuesday* the 28h of *August*, There Sailed from *Nantasket* several Vessels and Coasters Outward Bound under Convoy of the Province-Galley.

On *Thursday* Evening the 30h. of *August*, His Excellency our Gov-

ernour returned from *Stonington* in *Connecticut*, where he Sat some days in the Execution of Her Majesty's Commission, referring to *Omeneco* the Sachem of the *Mohegins;* and we are told, that the Commissioners present, being 10 in number, were very unanimous in their determination in favour of *Omeneco* and their Tribe who have been always faithful to the Crown of England.

On Saturday the 1st Currant, arrived here Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, Capt. *Huntington* Commander, who left Jamaica about 6 weeks ago, and was Commandore of the Homeward bound Fleet from thence to *England;* and on the 18th. of *August* in the Latitude of 38 met with a most violent storm, which foundered 2 or 3 of the Fleet, and so shattered the rest, that it's feared few of them are coming hither: There was 2 Merchant-men, the *Unity* and *Marlborough* Briganteen lost in a Storm coming thro' the Gulph of *Florida;* Two of those lost in the last Storm are the *Lurton* Galley, and the *Portugal* Merchant.

The Province-Galley returned this day from her Cruise.

On *Wednesday* the 5th Currant, Our General Assembly is to meet here, unto which day they stand Prorogu'd.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Flood Hilton*, and *Allen* from *Piscataqua*, *Elwell*, *Gardner*, *Wair* and *Sturges* from *Connecticut*, and *Smallage* from *New York*. Outward, *Elwell*, *Hilton* and *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, *Webber* for *Connecticut*, *Vail* for *Jersey*, and *Darby* for *Pensilvania*. Foreign Inwards, *Joshua Pickman* from *Virginia*, *James Bodwin* from *New Castle*, and *Ebenezar Hathorne* from *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards, *Francis Norris* for *Monserat*, *Samuel Carey* for *Madera*, and *Joseph Pulsifer* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *Samuel Rymes*, *Robert Howard*, *Joseph Wadsworth* and *Thomas Freeman* for *Barbadoes*, *Matthew Soley* & *John Wing* for *Jamaica*, and *Abraham Gordin* for *Newfoundland*.

These are to give Notice, That the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Suffolk, Held at Boston *the* 13*th. of* August *last, in pusuance of an Act of the General Assembly, Entituled,* An Act to prevent Disorders in the Night: *Have ordered, and do Require the several Constables and Tything men within the Town of* Boston, *frequently to walk the Streets of Said Town after* 9 *at Night, and more especially in the Evenings of the Lords Day & Training-Days, to see if after that time, any Indian, Negro or Mulatto Servant or Slave is found abroad, unless upon some Errand of their Masters or Owners; As also to search all Houses that are suspected to Entertain such Servants or Slaves contrary to Law, and finding any such (if it be too late in the night) to restrain them in the Common Prison, Watch House, or Constables House till morning, to be carried before a Justice of Peace,*

BY THE

GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL.

WHEREAS *some have lately presumed to Print and Disperse a Pamphlet, Entituled,* Publick Occurrences, both Foreign and Domestick: Boston, Thursday, *Septemb.* 25*th.* 1690. *Without the least Privity or Countenance of Authority.*

The Governour and Council having had the perusal of the said Pamphlet, and finding that therein is contained Reflections of a very high nature: As also sundry doubtful and uncertain Reports, do hereby manifest and declare their high Resentment and Disallowance of said Pamphlet, and Order that the same be Suppressed and called in; strictly forbidding any person or persons for the future to Set forth any thing in Print without Licence first obtained from those that are or shall be appointed by the Government to grant the same.

By Order of the Governour & Council.

Isaac Addington, Secr.

Boston, September 29*th.* 1690.

ORDER SUPPRESSING THE EARLIEST ATTEMPTED AMERICAN NEWSPAPER

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Fleet, who in the Lat. of 38 on the 18th. of *August* last met with a most violent Storm, wherein several of the Fleet perished, and those that escaped are most miserably shattered and damnified, and are come in hither to refit, which will not be performed in less than 6 weeks time, most of them wanting Masts; They say, that it was as great a Storm as that which was in *England* in *November* last was a year.

A Briganteen from *Philadelphia* bound to *Barbadoes*, one *Norman* Master, met with the same Storm in Lat. 23 and an half, and is come hither disabled.

Her Majesty's ship the *Lowstoff* returned from her Cruise on Fryday last, and will go to Sea again to morrow or next day.

Rhode-Island, Sept. 7. On the 3d Arrived here the Sloop Phenix, Joseph Rosebothem Master, who Sailed hence the 10th. of August, bound for Barbadoes, Loaden with Lumber & Horses, and on the 18th. in the Lat. of 38 met with the same Storm mentioned in the News-Letter, that the Jamaica Fleet for England met with, which overset her, and continued so for one hour, then her Mast broke with the next Sea, and she righted on her bottom but full of water, and all on Deck clear carried away: There was 4 men drowned, Viz. Henry Pike, Dr. Wheeler, Dr. Ross and James Blackwell, all of Barbadoes; The rest of the men were washt over board several times, but got in again. The Master Served to the Sea from his Youth, but declares he never was in such a Storm before.

On the 5th. Currant came in here the Ship Laura of London Capt. George Wake Master, one of the Fleet from Jamaica, who met with the above Storm, which carryed away her Main Mast and Fore-Mast, and was very near foundering; in the Night another Ship run on board her, which the Master of this supposing to be in a better condition than his own, Himself, the chief Mate, and 5 men more Jumpt into the other Ship, and left this, so that one Joyce who is Second Mate and 8 of the Sailers brought her in here where she is in a very shatter'd condition. They saw several of the Fleet a day or two after the Storm, but most disabled.

Boston, Our Last gave Account of a most violent Storm that the *Jamaica* Fleet bound for *England* met with the 18 of *August* in the Latitude of 38 It began about 10 of the Clock at night, the Wind shifted all the points of the Compass, & continued a meer fret of Wind for about 18 hours time. The *Portugal* Merchant, *Hog* Master that foundered about 11 a Clock on the 19th. had the *French* Captain on Board her, that Admiral *Whetstone* took on the *Spanish* Coast when the Ship foundered all the men were lost except two Seamen that got on a Plank, who kept on it about an hour, but both were wash'd off again; one of them a Young man of low Stature, named

Joseph Williams swam to the Plank again, and got on it, & kept on it for almost 3 days and 2 whole nights, holding fast only with his hands till *Tuesday* the 21st of *August* about Sun-set, when he was taken on Board the *London Bridge*, *Henry Feavert* Commander. His Skin when taken up being soakt with salt water, was like the skin of a drown'd person which is gone and a new skin is come in the room of it.

On *Wednesday* Sat the General Assembly, and said day arrived here the *London Bridge*, one of the *Jamaica* Fleet.

On Thursday *His Excellency Issued forth a Proclamation, prohibiting all persons to Entertain, Harbour or Credit any Mariner, Seaman,* or *Marine belonging to any of Her Majesties Ships* of *War, on pain of Losing their Debt, & the inflicting of such penalties on those that shall entertain or harbour them as the Law provides, without special Licence from their Commander in writing under his hand.*

On said day arrived the *Charles* Galley, Cap. *Bird* Commander, and the *Margaret* Galley, Capt. *Emmons* Commander, being 2 of the *Jamaica* Fleet: Cap *Emmons* Saw 19 Sail of the Fleet when the Storm was over, including those that are come hither. The *Dorset*, Cap *Haynes* Commander arrived here the same day, who left *Virginia* the 9 of *August*, and met with the same Storm in the Lat. of 40, who Lost her Masts therein. On said day also arrived Capt. *Azor Gale* from *Barbadoes*, had a months passage; there came out in company with him for this place, *Berry*, *Lowder*, *Johnson*[,] *Wier* and *Codman*, *Perkins* for *New-York*, and a Sloop for *Pensilvania*.

On Saturday came here one *Allin* a Flag of Truce who came from *Port-Royal* the 20th of *August* with Letters from the Commander there to His Excellency, with whom came Mr. *Vryling*[113] mentioned in our Numb. 71. to be taken by Capt. *Crapo* the *French* Privateer, who is now at *Port-Royal* fitting out again to come upon our Coast: He carried in with him a Barque from *Virginia* bound for *Bristol*. There is now at *Port-Royal*, 7 *English* Vessels, viz., the Barque from *Virginia*, Mr. *Vryling's*[113] Briganteen, 2 Ketchers, 2 deck Sloops, and one open Sloop, and about 30 men Prisoners. They are in great want of Provisions at *Port-Royal*.

This day was Interr'd Mrs. *Mary Lake*, Widow (of the Memorable Capt. *Thomas Lake*,) who Dyed on *Wednesday* the 5th Instant: Aged about 74 Years.[114]

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113 John Vryling, part owner of the briganteen "Hope." See foot-note 112, page 236 *ante*.

114 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 137, under date Seventh-day; Septr 8. 1705. For "the memorable Captain Thomas Lake," see Drake's The History and Antiquities of Boston, pp. 422, 423.

Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* returned this day from her Cruise, who came short of the *Virginia* Barque at *Port-Royal* about 3 hours, he brought with him their out Sentinel. The *Deptford* and Province-Galley are both ordered out again to Cruise.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Kilberne*, *Smith* and *Waters* from *Connecticut*. Outward, *Keersteed* for *New York*, *Parker* for *Pensilvania*, and *Hedge* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Azor Gale* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, *Peter Leach* for *Nevis*, *John Blew* for *Monserat*, *John Horton* and *William Rowlston* for *Newfoundland*. Outward bound, *Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia*, *Janes Barns* for *Barbadoes*, *Francis Plaisteed* and *William Goddard* for *Madera*, *Benj. Stone* for *London*, *Thomas Gwin* for *Antigua*, and *Rob. Gold* for *Newfoundland*.

Advertisements.

A Convenient Dwelling House and Shop with other Accommodations, the next Door to the Post Office in Boston to be Lett: Enquire of John Campbell Post Master.

A Gentleman has an Hundred or a Hundred and Fifty Pounds to Lend out at Interest upon good Security: Enquire of John Campbell, Post Master.

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[A PROCLAMATION of the queen, March 29, 1705, for observance of an act of Parliament to prevent traitorous correspondence fills one column. Under March and April dates there is general war news from Paris, Antwerp, Venice, Rome, Hague, Warsaw and Ratisbon. There is one column of domestic news.]

Barbadoes, Aug. 8. Mr. Samuel Frazon coming the 10 of June last from on Board Capt. Trotter in the Pinnace of his own Ship, with 2 Seamen, one Abraham Parker of York near Piscataqua, the other a Jersey man and his own Negro, the Boat and men were never seen since, the Wind blowing fresh, 'tis fear'd they are drown'd.

A second Flag of Truce is returned from Martinico, but no likelihood of settling any Cartell, our Government thinking their demands extravagant.

New York, Sept. 10 On the 5th Instant arrived here the Brigan-

teen *Laurell*, *Henry Play* Master, being one of the *Jamaica* Fleet dissabled by the late Storm they met with in the Lat. 38 on the 18h of *August* last, which occasioned the 3 Men of War and 13 Merchantmen mentioned in my Last to come in here and refit being part of the same Fleet. The same day came in a Sloop, on[e] *Creago* Master, who some time since Sailed hence for *St. Thomas*, but met with the above Storm, which broke his Boom, wash'd three men Overboard, and other damage, which oblig'd him to return.

Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstoff* designed yesterday to Sail on her Cruise towards the Capes of *Virginia*, we have no certain Advice when the Men of War will sail from thence to *England*.

Boston, His Excellency has been pleased to fill up the Vacancy in the Militia Officers of our Regiment (occasioned by the Death of Leut Col. *Thomas Savage*, & Major *Benj. Davis*) by Commissionating Capt. *Samuel Checkly*[115] to be Lieutenant Colonel, and Capt. *Adam Winthrop*[116] Major, Captain *Oliver Noyes*, Captain *John Ballantine*, Captain *Thomas Fitch*, and Captain Lieutenant *Abijah Savage*.

On *Wednesday* the 12th Currant, There was here a very great appearance of Men in the Train Bands: occasioned by the Castle's giving of the Alarm at the sight of 5 Vessels seen coming in, 2 whereof was Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford* Towing in, the Johnson Frigot, *Reach* Master, being one of the *Jamaica* Fleet, who is much disabled; The other 3 were *Berry* and *Lowder* from *Barbadoes*, and *Green* from *Nevis*.

On Saturday the 15th Currant, His Excellency Prorogued the General Assembly, unto *Wednesday* the 24th. of *October* next.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Hilton* and *Heath* from *Piscataqua*, *Hedge* and *Lothrop* from *Connecticut*. Outwards, *Flood* and *Wier* for *Piscataqua*, *Andrews* for *Connecticut*, *Alexander Duncan* and *James Gold* for *Pensilvania*. Foreign Inwards, *Wier*, *James Berry*, and *Henry Lowder* from *Barbadoes*, and *Tobias Green* from *Nevis*. Cleared Outwards, *William Goddard* for *Madera*, *Robert Gold* for *Pensilvania*, *Joshua Pickman* for *Virginia*, and *John Wing* for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound, *Thomas Mires* for *Jamaica*, *Moses Wadland* for *Madera*, *Richard Daffin* for *Virginia*, *Jonathan Lambere* for *Antigua*, and *Ebenezar Hathorn* for *Newfoundland*.

Advertisements

A Negro Woman about 24 Years Old to be Sold by Captain John Love, and to be seen at his house in the North-End of Boston

115 Samuel Checkley, an influential member of the General Court.

116 Captain Adam Winthrop: grandson of Governor John Winthrop of Massachusetts.

near to Mr. Jonas Clarke's.

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From Monday September 17 to Monday September 24. 1705.

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[FROM Edinburgh, April 12, is an account of the hanging of the pirates Green, Madder and Sympson, and there is war news of March and April dates from Paris, Vienna, Hamburg, Turin, Moscow, Hague, Warsaw and elsewhere. Domestic news occupies a little more than one column.]

New-York, Sept. 17. On the 13th Instant, arrived here a Sloop from Curacoa, Charles Sleigh Master, by whom we have advice, that 2 Spanish Privateers lay off Bonira, and upon notice thereof at Curacoa they fitted out 3 Sloops and took them both, & brought them in thither without the loss of a man.

On the 14th Instant, arrived here Capt. Penniston's Privateer Sloop, who parted with Penniston in his Ship 15 days before he arrived off South Carolina, they were in the great Storm, & were there separated from 2 Prize Sloops which they had taken, but whether they are in being, or foundered they know not.

By a Sloop arrived yesterday at Amboy from Curacoa, we are acquainted, that on Fryday last there was seen off Barnagatt one of Capt. Penniston's Prize Sloops, and a Ship without Masts, plying for this Port; we imagine the Ship to be one of the Jamaica Fleet. We are assured, That the Prudent Sarah, Perkins Master, and the Oxenden, Smyton Master, being 2 of the Jamaica Fleet were foundered in the Storm; we know not the certainty of any others besides those mentioned in the Publick Print.

Last week arrived here Teller, Adolph, Degroff & Kersteel from Boston. Vessels Outward Bound are 2 ships for Barbadoes, a Briganteen for Surranam, a Sloop for Jamaica, 2 Ships for London, Clay for Rhode Island, and Derrick Adolph for Boston.

Rhode-Island, Sept. 21 On the 16th Currant arrived here Capt. *Nathaniel Coffin*, who Sailed from *Boston* on the 21st of *July* last, in Company with 13 Sail bound for *Barbadoes*, who on the 21st of *August* last, in the Lat. of 29 met with a most violent Storm, which caused him to Cut his Main and Mazen Mast by the board, he lost all his Horses therein; The Storm continued about 14 hours, and

the heighth thereof about 8 hours. Capt *Coffin* spoke with Mr. *Perkins* in the Flying Horse after the Storm was over, being one of the same Fleet, who told him, that he lost his Boat, his Horses, Fore-Sail and Gibb, yet designed to proceed on his Voyage to *Barbadoes*, though *Coffin* was necessitated to return.

Marblehead, Sept. 22. On *Thursday* the 20th Currant arrived here *John Holicom* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes* bound for *Piscataqua*, who left *Barbadoes* the 22d of *August*, and was taken the 8th Instant, by a *French* Ship of 10 Guns, from *Petiguavus* bound to St. Malo's, and said to be the Packet-Boat that came from *England* to *Boston*, about 3 years ago; *Holicom* bought his Vessel of the Captain for 400 l Sterling to be paid in St Malo's, one Bates went Hostage till the Money is paid; *Holicom* sunk all his Letters ere he was taken.

Holicom says, That there was a Turnado in *Barbadoes* which begun on the 18 of *August*, and continued 4 days, which caused a most violent Storm, the Wind came up at S. and backed away to the E. S. E. the heighth of the Storm lasted 18 hours, which has caused a great deal of damage among the shipping in the Road 22 vessels were put on Shoar, *Holicom* & *Fyfield* being 2 of them were got off again; & an *Irish* man was getting off as he came away; a *Dutch*-man from *Suranam* about 500 Tons loaded with Sugar was staved all to pieces: The Countrys Sloop and Briganteen of War both lost: Great damage sustained among those Vessels that rode out the Storm, some whereof cannot be repaired, a great many men were drowned, one of Her Majesties Men of War lost all her Anchors, lash'd her Guns, & got to Sail as the Wind vier'd.

Cap *Flint* from *Boston*, and the Vessels in Company with him were all safe arrived but Cap. *Hunt*, who seeing Cap *Flint* engaged with 2 *French* Privateers to the Windward of the Island, made the best of his way, and was taken by a 3d between him and the Island, Cap *Flint* with the other Ships got clear of the 2 Privateers, his Brother lost one Arm in the Engagement: As *Flint* went from *Boston*, he met with a Clap of Thunder & Lightning that shattered his Main Mast, and kill'd one of his men.

Boston, Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* is returned from her Cruise.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Harris* and *Petty* from *Connecticut*, *Jackson* and *Parsons* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Hilton* and *Heath* for *Piscataqua*, *Lathrop* and *Diamond* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Moses Abbot* from *North Carolina*, *Eleazar Johnson*, and *Michael Wormstill* from *Barbadoes*, *James Updick* from *Antigua* and *William Beans* from *Fyall*. Cleared Outwards, *John Butler* for *Lisbon*, and *Ebenezar Hathorne* for *Newfoundland*. Outward bound,

John Secum for *Antigua*, *Azor Gale*, *James Berry*, *William Weir*, and *Tobias Green* for *Barbadoes*, *Bryan Smith* for *Lisbon*, *Ebenezar Chamberlin* for *Virginia*, *Benjamin Parsons* and *Henry Lowder* for *London*, *Benjamin Parsons* junior, for *Topsham*.

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A Debenture Bill being found, (granted by Capt. John Lane, and Mr. Pelatiah Whitmore Commissary, to Daniel Gilbert for Nine Pound due for Service, whereof 11. 13s. & 2d. is taken up in Stores, and remaining due 71. 6s. 10d.) The Person that lost said Bill may have it again, paying Salvage: Enquire at the Post-Office.

A Small Guinea Dear's Foot being found; The Person that Lost it, giving the true marks, may have it again, paying Salvage: Enquire at the Post-Office.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

N. E. Numb. 76.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday September 24 to Monday October 1. 1705.

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[SLIGHTLY less than one half of this issue of two pages is devoted to foreign news, including accounts of the visit of the body of Cambridge University to the queen, and affairs in Hungary and Poland. The domestic news includes a proclamation by Governour Dudley for a Public Thanksgiving.]

Port-Royal in *Jamaica*, *Aug.* 22. Capt. *Ingles* a Guinea Merchantman of 14 Guns and 20 men arrived here about 20 days ago, who met with a Privateer Sloop off of *Port-Morant* of 6 Guns, & full of men, who boarded him 3 times, casting down Fire-works and Stink Pots amongst the Negroes between Decks, burning and disordering them much: The Captain and his men betaking themselves to close Quarters, fired briskly and so successfully upon the Privateer, that he left 9 of his men dead on the Deck, & concludes he kill'd them 50 men by what he see them fling Overboard.

On the 18th Currant, There was a great Storm of Wind & Rain at N. and rounded to S. S. E & blew very hard, striping the Houses, and blowing the water over the Point, so that Boats might have floated: It forced some Vessels Ashoar, whereof a Bark from *New-York*, one *Pasco* Master is one forced to Unload. Many in Town removed their Goods into Upper-Chambers. It damnified a great quantity of Sugar.

New-York Sept. 24. On the 18th. Instant Arrived here a small Prize Sloop taken by Capt. Penniston, loaden with Wine and Brandy; She was taken upon the Coast of New-Spain.

On the 19th Instant, about 10 at night, some of the Privateers begun a Riot before the Sheriffs House of this City, assaulted the Sheriff at his door without any provocation, & beat and wounded several persons that came to his assistance, & in a few minutes the Privateers tumultuously met together in great numbers, upon which Forces were sent out of the Fort to suppress them, and the Sheriff, Officers and some men belonging to Her Majesties Ships made a Body to do the same, but before these Forces could meet with them, the Privateers unhappily met Li[e]ut. *Wharton Featherstone-Hough*, and Ensign *Alcock*, (two Gentlemen of the Hon. Col. *Livesay's* Regiment that came in the *Jamaica* Fleet, who were peaceably going home to their Lodgings) and barbarously murdered the first, and grievously wounded the latter, in several places in the head, and bruised his Body; & after they had knock'd him down several times, and got his Sword, some of them run Lieut. *Featherstone-Hough* in at the left side thro' his heart (as is supposed with Ensign *Alcocks* Sword) of which wound he immediately dyed. Just as the Fact was done, the Privateers were attacked by the Sheriff, Officers and Seamen of Her Majesties Ships, and some of the Town, & in a short time were obliged to fly; several of both sides were wounded, some of the Privateers were then taken Prisoners, and several since, who are committed, & do believe will suffer according to Law; the Souldiers killed one of the Privateers that was flying from them. One *Erasmus Wilkins* was apprehended on Saturday last, & Committed, and by the Evidence 'tis believed he is the man that murdered Li[e]ut. *Featherstone-Hough;* it would be too tedious to relate the particulars, but their insolence is beyond expression; this Riot was chiefly acted by the Privateers belonging to the Briganteen *Dragon*, Capt. *Gincks*, Commander.

One the 21st. Arrived here Capt. Penniston in his Ship (which in our last we supposed to be one of the Jamaica Fleet) he lost his Masts in the Storm, and put into Carolina; his best Prize is yet missing, which is a New Sloop well found, and has on board one hundred & six quarter Casks of French Brandy, Linnens, and other Goods; he hopes she'l be here in a few days, he lost her in the Storm.

We hear this Morning that Capt. *Penniston's* Prize is Arrived at *New Castle* disabled by the Storm, and is there fitting to proceed hither.

Capt. *Renier Tongrelou* and others have bought the *Cole* and *Been* Gally, a Ship upwards of 200 Tons, and 18 Guns, and is now fitting of

her for a Privateer, and intends to carry 160 Men. Capt. *Penniston* is also about to fit his Ship, and designs out with her in Consort, they will Sail before Winter.

Boston, Letters from Barbadoes of the 8th of August, [foreign news.]

On Thursday the 27th. Currant arrived here Zachariah Alden in a Sloop from Virginia, 14 days passage, by whom we are advised, That just as they left Virginia, there was a Ship arrived from Lisbone that had a quick passage,

By HIS EXCELLENCY *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in & over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England* in *America*.

A PROCLAMATION for a Publick THANKSGIVING.[117]

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God in his Great Goodness to preserve Her Majesties Sacred Person, and to prosper Her Arms in the Just War, wherein Her Majesty and Her Allies are Engaged for the preservation of the Liberties of Europe. *Having also been Graciously pleased, in the Summer past, to restrain the Insults and Outrage of our barbarous Enemies, & to grant us great Quiet and Tranquillity; To bless the* Fruits *of the* Earth, *and to give us the hopeful prospect of a plentiful* Harvest; *To grant us general* Health, *and to Smile upon us in other our Publick Interests and Enjoyments.*

Wherefore humbly Adoring the Divine Goodness, and duely considering that such great and publick Blessings do call for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgements.

I Have thought fit, by the Advice of Her Majesties Council, & at the Desire of the Representatives in their late Session, hereby to Order and Appoint, That a General THANKSGIVING *to Almighty God, for these His Mercies be Observed throughout this Province, within the several Towns and Districts thereof, on* Thursday *the* Eighteenth *Day of* October *next: And do strictly forbid all Servile Labour thereupon; Exhorting both Ministers and People to Solemnize the said Day after a Religious manner, and to offer up sincere and hearty Praises to GOD.*

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston* the 20*th* Day of *September*, 1705. In the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, &c.

By Order of the Governour and Council, *J. DUDLEY*

Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

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117 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . , Vol. VIII, p. 520.

The Province Galley Capt. *Southack* Commander is returned from her Cruise.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Loring*, *Lothrop*, *Webber*, *Hall* and *Elwell* from *Connecticut*, and *Allen* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Smallage* and *Walter* for *Rhode-Island*, and *Jackson* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *Daniel Noyes*, *John Ventiman*, and *John Pullen* from *Jamaica*, *Zachariah Alden* from *Virginia*, *Nathaniel Gardner* from *Jersey*, *William Carkett* from *St. George*, *John Alder* from *Angvilla*, and *Thomas Lanyon* from *Coratuck*. Cleared Outwards, *Moses Wadland* for *Madera*. Outward bound, *Tobias Green* for *Barbadoes*, and *John Bennet* for *London*.

Advertisements.

A House and Land in the High Fore-Street at the Sign of the Buck, in the South-End of Boston, now in the Occupation of Mr. Jacob Melyen, to be Sold; Inquire of Capt. Nathanael Williams, or Mr. James Mears, both of said Town, and know further.

A Negro woman to be sold by John Campbell Post-master, and to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor Tavern in Boston.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

N. E. Numb. 77.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday October 1. to Monday October 8. 1705.

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[IMPORTANT foreign news, including an account of the visit of the queen to Cambridge and her entertainment there, particulars of the successes of the duke of Vendosme in Lombardy, and reports from Dresden, Liege and elsewhere, fill three of the four columns of this issue.]

Plimouth, Septemb. 28. On the 19th Instant, the Quarter Sessions of the Peace was held here, where Complaint was made of a certain person belonging to *Midlebury;* who brought some Tarr to be Sold, some whereof was mingl'd with dirt; for which he was Sentenced to be severely Whipt, which was accordingly executed; and is here only Inserted to be a caveat to others, of doing the like, least a worse thing befal them.

New-York, Octob. 1. On the 24th of the last Month arrived here a Sloop from *Jamaica*, *Joseph Smith* Master, in five weeks, by whom we are informed, that the Storm which the *Jamaica* Fleet met with,

has been very violent there, and that the Sea Overflowed part of *Port-Royal*, & has done but little damage. A Bark belonging to this Port, *Simon Pasco* Master, ready to Sail, was lost in the Storm, and no other. Admiral *Whetstone* with 4 Men of War, went to Sea, and a few days after, they had the Storm, wherein most of them lost their Masts, one of them was not returned; the Storm there was on the 20th of *August*. Two Briganteens and a small Ship Sailed for *Boston* three dayes before this Sloop.

Vessels Outward Bound are, *Tupper* for *Barbadoes*, *Adolph* for *Boston*, *Sleigh* for *Curacoa*, *Van-Bael* for *Suranam*, *Cebra* for *Jamaica*, and *Saunders* and *Keersteed* for *London*.

Rhode-Island, *Octob* 5. On *Sunday* last arrived here one *Benjamin Church*, who Sailed hence Master of a small Sloop bound for *Antigua*, the 8th of *August* last, and on the 18th, in the Lat. of 34. met with the same Storm that the *Jamaica* Fleet met with on said day, which overset the Sloop, and the people kept on the Bowsprit from Saturday till Monday when the Sloop righted, but lost her Mast, and through their Industry they freed her, the Wind hanging Easterly, they drove ashore on Cape *May*, and so saved all their Lives.

Boston, Cap *Southack* in the Province-Galley is gone out again on his Cruise.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *Smith* and *Loring* for *Connecticut*, and *Dutch* for *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inwards, *John Porter* from *Angvilla*. Cleared Outwards, *Francis Plaisteed* for *Madera*, and *Thomas Freeman* for *Barbadoes;* Outward Bound, *Thomas Thatcher*, *Eleazar Johnson*, and *John Pullen* for *Barbadoes*, *Charles Renouf* for *Nevis*, *John Pitts* for *Madera*, and *David Northy* for *Virginia*.

Advertisements.

TO be Sold by Mr. William Clarke, Merchant, at his Warehouse near the Swinging-Bridge upon the Dock in Boston, a parcel of the best Jamaica Sole-Leather at a moderate Price, either by Wholesale or Retale.

A Negro Man Slave to be Sold by Captain Gilbert Bant, and to be seen at his House near the Mill-Bridge in Boston.

THere is now Published an Almanack for 1706 by N. W.[118] with a short answer to some Reflections cast on him last year by the then Almanack-makers; With a table of the Weight of small Money, very useful at this time. Sold by B. Green at the Printing-house at the South-end of Boston, and R. Phillips Bookseller at Charlestown.

RAn away from his Master, Samuel Niles, of Kingston, in Narraganset; an Indian Man Servant, aged about 26 Years, he is a

118 Nathaniel Whittemore.

short and indifferent thick fellow, with a broad flatt Nose, he has had the Small Pox: He has on a grayish Coat, a Castor Hat, Russet coloured Stockings, and old Shoes: Whosoever shall take up said Indian, and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him, shall be well Satisfied for his pains.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18; sale of a negro woman slave, as in October 1.]

N. E. Numb. 78.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday October 8. to Monday October 15. 1705.

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[IN the first column of the first page of this issue is the address of Queen Anne "to the inferior clergy in the neighborhood of Newmarket" in the preceding April. There follow, from the Antwerp Gazette of April 12 and the Paris Gazette of May 9, accounts of the seige of Gibraltar by the land and naval forces of the allies. From Turin, Vienna and other capitals are reports of military affairs. The domestic news is slight in quantity and importance, being confined to half a column of space.]

Nevis, Aug. 26 My last of the 1st Currant, Advised of what the last Packet brought from *England;* especially of the Signal Victory obtained by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* over the *French* near *Saar;* since which we have had no Packet; but is now dayly expected.

Her Majesties Ship the *Gray Hound*, appointed the Guard of our Island, has taken a Prize off of *Guardiloop*, value at least 5000 *l.* Our Fleet for *England* will Sail in about 14 days.

Philadelphia, Octob. 4. Ebenezar Coffin arrived here on Saturday last from *New-England.*

New-York, Octob. 8 On the 6th Instant arrived here a Sloop from *Carolina*, one *Sanford* Master.

Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstoffe* is not yet returned from *Virginia.*

Her Majesties Ships of War the *Nonsuch*, the *Maremaid*, and *Deal-Castle* with the *Jamaica* Fleet under their Convoy, designs to Sail from hence for *England* the 10th of *November* next.

Boston, Capt. *Huntington* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, and Commadore of the *Jamaica* Fleet (having received Letters from *New-York*, that Her Majesties Ships of War, and the other part of the *Jamaica* Fleet designs to Sail from *New York* to

England the 10th of *November* next:) Wind and Weather permitting the said Commadore intends to Sail from hence with the other part of said Fleet, and what other Ships will be ready to Sail under his Convoy, the 5th or 6th of said Month, & to joyn those from *New-York* in the Lat. of 40 or *Fyall.*

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Allen*, *Mitchel* and *Curtice* from *Connecticut*, *Dounten* from *Rhode-Island*, *Gidding* and *Allen* from *Piscataqua.* Outwards, *Harris* for *New-London*, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua.* Foreign Inwards, *Jeremiah Tay* from *Maryland*, *John Welsh* from *Nevis*, *William Cleaves* from *Lisbon*, and *John Webster* from *North Carolina.* Cleared Outwards, *John Thomas* for *Fyall.* Outward Bound, *Daniel Noyes* for *Madera*, *John Ventiman* for *Jamaica*, and *William Burrough's* for *Virginia.*

Advertisements.

THere is now Published Mr. Clough's Almanack for 1706.[119] To which is added the difference between Troy and Averdupoize Weights, as also an Account of the Jewish Coins, Weights and Measures mentioned in Scripture, and reduced to our English Standards, which may be of great use for the better understanding many places in the Bible. Sold by Benj. Eliot under the West end of the Town House, and Nich. Boone near School house lane, Boston.

A Convenient Dwelling House and Shop with other Accomodations next door to the Anchor Tavern in Boston, to be Lett, Enquire of John Campbell

[Reprinted: a negro woman to be sold, as in October 8; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

A. E. Numb. 79.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday October 15. to Monday October 22, 1705.

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[FROM Ratisbon, Stockholm, Geneva, Paris, Hamburgh, Hague and elsewhere are items of foreign news filling the first page of this issue. On the second page are two columns of domestic news, including one advertisement. Under the Boston date the announcement is made of the establishment, by her majesty the queen, of mail packets between England and "Her Plantation-Islands in America."]

119 Kalendarium Nov-Anglicanum, or an Almanack For : . . . 1706, by Samuel Clough.

Jamaica on Long-Island, Octob. 11 On Fryday the 5th Currant Dyed here the Reverend Mr. John Hubbard, Pastor of a Church in this place. Aged 28 years 9 months wanting 4 days, Buried the 7th.

New-York, Octob. 15. Last week returned hither Her Majesties Ship the Lowstoff, who Sailed out of the Capes of Virginia 2*d* Instant, in Company with the Homeward bound Fleet for England, consisting of 32 Merchant-men, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the Kingston and Faulkland. There are also arrived Mr. Gravenraedt from Philadelphia, and Capt. Penniston's Prize from New-Castle; her Cargo is French Brandy, Paper and dry Goods.

On Saturday last our Assembly was Prorogu'd to the first of May. And the same day His Excellency went to His Government of New-Jersey.

The Pensilvania Post not yet come in.

New-port Rhode Island, October 19. Last Fryday night a fire broke out in a Smith's Shop, which burnt it down, and took hold of another house adjoyning it, where one *Borne* a *Hatter* liv'd and burnt it also; the Wind blew hard at *N E*. But by the great industry of our people, the other Houses near to them were saved, otherways had prov'd fatal to the most part of our Town.

On Monday arrived here one *Chamberlin* from *Antigua* bound for *Boston*, who says that by a Vessel from *Barbadoes* to *Antigua* they had intelligence of 25 Sail of Ships lost in the Storm: besides the Countrys *Briganteen* and *Sloop* and small craft, and 300 men drowned.

On Wednesday arrived one *Godfrey* in a Sloop from *Surranam* to *Exuma* and so here, who was in the Harbour of *Providence* those days that the great Storm abovementioned was, but had none of it, the weather being very serene and Calm. He says there is none but a parcel of Women at *Providence*, that cannot get from thence.

Piscataqua, Octob. 19 On Saturday night last arrived Capt. Tyng at *Exeter* with his Company, who Travelled a day beyond *Penacook*, from thence to *Winnepisscoag* Ponds but no discovery of the Enemy.

The same night Capt. Lane and his Company Returned from *Sabegoog* Ponds, which lies about 50 miles *W*. N. *W*. from *Casko*, but made no other discovery than a few deserted Wigwaams: This Pond is 20 miles long, and about 7 miles wide, very remarkable for Fishing, where our men were refresh'd with variety of Fish, especially Salmon Trouts, some whereof 2 foot long. In their Return they saw 2 Indians at *Black-Point*, but being at a distance and they near a Swamp, made their escape; one thing remarkable is, That in their march they did not discover any wild creature excepting a Squirrel

or the like, by which means the Enemy cannot get any manner of Sustenance in the woods near to us, which we hope will starve them.

This week arrived Mr Pepperil from Madera, who had about five weeks passage.

Boston, By His Excellency's Direction, Capt. *Tyng* with about 50 men marched from *Dunstable*, and Capt *Lane* with upwards of 60 men from *York*, to Search the Woods if could discover any of the Enemy.

Capt. *Southack* in the *Province-Galley* is returned from his Cruise, and gone out again.

On *Wednesday* next, being the 24th Currant, Sits the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day they stand Prorogu'd.

Last night arrived 2 or 3 Vessels from Barbadoes at Nantasket, who had about a months passage, there came out in Company 16 Sail for this place; no Letters are yet come up, so cannot tell what News.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *John Lathrop* for *Connecticut*, *Richard Hall* for *New York*, *Peter Coffin*, and *Nathaniel Gardner* for *Nantucket*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Dean* in the *Dragon* form *Suranam*.

Outward Bound,

James Bodwin in the *Seaflour*, for *Antigua*.
Thomas Hunt in the *Panther*, for *Barbadoes*.
John Welch in the *Larke*, Ditto.
John Price in the *Austin's Galley*, Ditto.
Thomas Gilbert in the *Good will*, for *Fyall*.
John Rayner in the *Freek*, for *Madera*.
Thomas Andrews in the *Good-will*, for *Suranam*.
Joseph Dean in the *Dragon*, for *Suranam*.
John Secum in the *Adventure*, for *Curacoa*.

☞ *These are to give notice, That Her Majesty in regard to the great Expence She is at in maintaining the Correspondence by Letters between* England *and Her Plantation-Islands in* America, *and for the further improvement and benefit of Trade; Hath Settled Packet-Boats for the* West-Indies, *who are to go from* Plimouth *at the beginning of every Month throughout the Year, no accident preventing the same; who are to touch and stay at each of the* English *Island-Plantations in the following manner:* Viz.

		Days & Nights.	hours
Being arrived at	*Barbadoes, to stay no longer than*	3	
	Antigua,	2	
	Montserat,		36
	Nevis,		36
	St. *Christophers*		36
	Jamaica,	10	

And thence to Return to England, *and not to be stayed on any pretence whatsoever.*

And Her Majesty in pursuance to the Statute made in the Twelfth Year of his late Majesty, King Charles II. *for Establishing a Post-Office, has Directed and Impowred Sir* Robert Cotton *Knight, and Sir* Thomas Franckland *Baronet, Her Majesty's Post-Master General of* England *and the Plantations,* &c. *to receive and take the Post of all Letters & Packets that shall be conveyed by the Post lately Established between the Post Office General in* London, *and the above-said Islands, according to the Rates following.*

		s. d.	
From England *to the* West-Indies *each Letter not exceeding*	*One Sheet*.....	1 . 3	*And in proportion to the same Rates for every Packet of Letters.*
	Two Sheets....	2 . 6	
From the Islands to England, *each Letter not exceeding*	*One Sheet*.....	1 . 6	*And in like proportion for every Packet of Letters.*
	Two Sheets....	3 . 0	
For every Packet of any kind of greater Bulk for every	Ounce.....	6 . 0	

This is likewise to give Notice, That the Deputy Post Masters are appointed at each Island, to attend and regulate all matters concerning Letters and Packets, and to Correspond with the General Post Office in London *about the same: And forasmuch as every Vessel hath performed Her Voyage in the space of 150 days,*[120] *or thereabouts. All persons Corresponding with* New England, New-York, Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, Carolina, *and* Bermuda, *may have their Letters to the Respective Governments put up in Bags apart, in the method they are now sent to each Island; And the Deputy Post-Master of each Island hath Orders, where the next and most immediate conveyance is to be had, to send them to the Main of* America, *as hath hitherto been the practice for Conveying Letters from* Barbadoes *to* Bermuda *by Sloops, and other Embarkations, daily Trading between the said Islands and the Continent. By which means Returns may be as constantly made from the Continent to the said Post-Masters, and by them transmitted to* England *by the Packets in their Monthly Courses, whereunto their Orders oblige them, without any further Charge there than what is to be paid at the General Post-Office in* London, (*only the Inland Passage on the Main excepted*) *according to the above Rates.*

These are also to give Notice, That Letters will be taken in at the

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120 In a subsequent Notice this is shown to be an error, and the time changed to 100 days, "according to the first Proposition laid down by the Honourable Edward Dummer, Esqr." See under Advertisements in News-Letter No. 111 (1706) *post.* For the "first Proposition," see Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, Supplement, p. 802.

General Post-Office in London, *directed for* New-England, New-York, New-Jersey, Pensilvania, Maryland, Virginia, Carolina, *on the Continent of* America, *and the Island of* Bermuda, *on the same Post nights as those for the Plantation-Islands, with particular directions for those for the Continent, to be forwarded by the first opportunity.*[121]

Advertisements

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

N. E. Numb. 80.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday October 22. to Monday October 29, 1705.

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[ONLY one column of this issue is occupied with foreign news. Domestic news including two advertisements fills three columns.]

Barbadoes, September. 16. A List of Vessels drove on Shore by a Violent Storm, the 16th of August, *viz.*

All these bound for *London*	*Richard Metcalfe* *Mackfarson* *Rabia* *Ranking*...Tryon *Davis* *Blythe*	All great Ships	All these Vessels stav'd in pieces, and are wholly Lost
For *Holland.*	A great *Dutch* Flyboat.		
Belonging to *Barbad.*	*Thrampton* in Country's Brig. *Flowers* in a Sloop		

Forrister in the Country's Sloop, uncertain if can be got off.

All belonging to *Barmuda*	*William Cox.* *Abraham Dill.* *Edward Hinson* *William Joel.*	All Slo[o]ps, stav'd in pieces.
Barbadoes *New York*	*Jacob Legay.* *Mr. Harwood.*	Brigantiens staved in pieces
London, *Bristol,* *Boston,*	*Mr. Rankford* *Mr. Opie* *Mr. Fyfield*	Ships Briganteen. — All these Vessels
Piscataqua Belonging to *Barbados*	*Mr. Holicomb.* *Mr. Thomas.* *Mr. Graisberry.* *Mr. Penley.*	Sloops. — were got off again.

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121 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 564-565.

Barbadoes, Mr. *Moses* in a Sloop blown away 7 or 8 days but got in again.

Besides Shallops and other Boats lost.

The Storm lasted about 16 Hours.

On the 28th of *August*, Her Majesty's Ship the *Weymouth*, Capt. *Mitchell* Commander, brought in a *French* Merchant Ship of 20 Guns, 6 Patararo's, 70 men, Laden with a considerable quantity of fine Goods, Claret and Brandy. She was met with in the Latitude 19 in Company with another Ship of 16 Guns, who left her to Engage with the *Weymouth;* the Engagement lasted 3 hours, with the loss of 14 of her men, and 4 of the *Weymouth's*. These *French*-men lost their Convoy of 60 Guns, with 3 other Merchant-men but the night before: This Prize is said to be worth 20 Thousand Pounds.

There is arrived here from *Boston* in *New-England*, *Andrew Wilson*, who lost his Mast in the Storm, as also 3 or 4 more Vessels; and the Enemy took *Everton*, *Breed*, *Henderson*, *Shearburn* and *Moore*, who Sailed from *Boston* in Company with said *Wilson*, bound for this place.

Upon Capt. *Everton's* being taken, His Excellency ordered the Advice Prize, a small Frigot, to go in pursuit of *Everton's* Vessel. The *Advice* Prize conducted in *Capt. Bullard* from *Madera*, and *Leview* from *New-York* was taken by a Sloop the 13th Currant, Several Vessels from *Boston*, that came out with *Wilson* are yet missing.

We want two Packets from *England*, so that we have no News, only a Report we hear of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough's* second Defeating the *French*, to the Enemy's loss of about 20000 men.

New-York, *October* 22d. On the 19*th*. Instant arrived here a Sloop from *Jamaica*, *Nathanael Vial* Master, had 38 dayes passage; he came out with several Ships bound for *England*, and says that several Vessels were to sail for *Boston* about 14 days after him.

Erasmus Wilkins (formerly mentioned to be committed for being in the Riot with the Privateers here) being Legally Tryed and Convicted for Murdering of Lieutenant *Wharton Featherstone-Hough* (A Gentleman of the Honourable Col. *Livesay's* Regiment, that came in the *Jamaica* Fleet) is Sentenced to be Executed on Friday next the 26. Currant: He has Confessed that he was one of the Privateers where that Gentleman was kill'd, and that he knock'd down one Gentleman and got his Sword, and with it run another into the side, which must be the same Gentleman that was Murdered.

Vessels Outward bound are *Cebra* for *Jamaica*, *Sleigh* and *Vanbrugh* for *Curacoa*, *Perkins* for *Barbadoes*, *Hicks* for *Rhode-Island*.

Capt. *Cumby* and *Pain* Sailed this day for *Barbadoes*.

On Saturday last *Alexander Duncan* Arrived here from *Pensil-*

vania in a Sloop bound for *Boston*, and Sailes from hence on Wednesday.

Piscataqua, Octob. 26. On *Saturday* the 20th Currant, about 20 *Jndians* appeared at Cape *Nidduck*, and Carried away 4 Sons of *John Stover*, who were at a little distance from the Garison, several others that were out of the Garison, retired to it with all speed; on which the Enemy fired about an hour, then drew up the Children in sight of the Garison, and marched off. At *York* 4 or 5 *Indians* were also discovered. Major *Walton* with a Company of men is gone in pursuit of the Enemy.

Capt. *Browne* at *Wells* hearing of the Enemy's unhappy Enterprize in Carrying away the 4 children from 3 to 12 years of Age, went with his Company in pursuit of the Enemy with utmost Expedition; but there being 2 places over a little River lying near *Sacho*, about 2 miles distant which they usually pass, and not knowing which of the two they would take, Capt. *Browne* very prudently divided his Company into 2 parts, whereof one half went with Lieut. *James March*, who happened to discover the Enemy (without the least observation) as they were passing over a little Bridge, being within 15 rod of them; some few with the poor Captives were got over a minute or 2 before; and our men discovering several behind & on the Bridge, fir'd several Shot upon them, which being an unexpected surprisal, caus'd a most dismal Consternation among them, insomuch that some fell forwards, others backwards, and some into the River which was 10 foot deep, some throwing away their Plunder, others their Blankets & Snapsacks, till at last some few of the Enemy on the other side of the River fired at our men, killed one & wounded another: By this time Capt. *Browne* (hearing the Guns) came up to the rest of his Company, who drove the Enemy off, and pursued them; but they scattering among the Thickets, our men were made uncapable of making any further discovery of what damage we did them, but most probably several of them were slain and wounded.

On the 21st Arrived here the *Rebecka* Hagboat, *John Ja*[*r*?]*unin* Master, from *Lisbon*, five weeks passage,

Henry Shearburn from *Barbadoes*, and *John Kennard* from *Antigua* arrived the said Day.

Boston, On *Tuesday* the 23d Currant, Complaint being made to *Edward Bromfield* Esqr. One of Her Majesty's Council, and Justice of the Peace; of *John Rogers* & Son, of *New-London* in *Connecticut*-Colony for Profanation of the Sabbath, in Driving of Cattle through the Town of *Dedham* to *Boston* for a Market on the 21st Instant, being the Lords-Day; And opprobtiously answering those who disswaded him there-from; for which being brought before the said

Justice, and legally Convicted, he was Sentenced according to the Direction of the Law in that case, to pay the Fine of *Twenty Shillings:* He Appealed to the Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, but obstinately refused to give Security to prosecute his Appeal, and therefore is Committed to Prison.

It was thought meet at the Desire of several persons to Publish this as a Caveat to others, to let People know, That *Open Profanation* of the LORDS-DAY, *will not pass Unpunished.* As also, Because the man thus Fined, pretends himself to be a Sufferer for his *Conscience*, and has therefore even *courted* the Inconveniences that are come upon him. And whereas the *Quakers* have a while since endeavoured by their False Addresses at home in *England*, to misrepresent the Government of this Province, for Making and Executing *Several severe Laws, against their Friends, only for their Conscientious Dissent from the National Way, and not for any Evil Fact done by them:* The Publick may be informed what kind of *Severe Laws* those are, and what kind of *Profanity* may pass for a *Conscientious Dissent*, among those that Clamour against the country for *Persecution*, in Executing the Laws of God and man, of our Nation of *England* and this Province.[122]

There Arrived here on Saturday the *27th.* Currant *Nathanael Balston* and *Harbert* from *Barbadoes*, *Richard Thomas* from *Antigua*, and *Joseph Batler* from St. *Christophers*, and yesterday the *28th. Anthony Hayward* from *Barbadoes. James Blin* in a Sloop from *Connecticut*, coming over *Nantucket Shoals*, is fear'd to be lost on them.

Capt. *Huntington* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey* and Commadore of the *Jamaica* Fleet, holds his resolution (Wind and Weather permitting) to Sail from hence to *England* the *5th.* or *6th.* of the next Month, with the Vessels under his Convoy.

Coasters Entered Inwards			From
Petty, Lathrop and *Bull*			*Connecticut*
Derick Adolph, Two Brothers			*New-York*
Outwards.			For
Webber, Bracket and *Ware*			*Piscataqua.*
Foreign Inwards.			From
William Webber,	Rose,	Briganteen	*Barbadoes*
Philip Lewis	Hope	Briganteen	Ditto.
Samuel Ward	Rose Anne,	Sloop	Ditto.
Nichol. Lawrence	Endeavour,	Ship.	Ditto.
Rich. Fyfield	Elizabeth,	Briganteen	Ditto.
Thomas Bell	Speedwell,	Sloop	*North Carolina.*
John Penson	Wil. & Mary,	Ship	*Virginia.*

122 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , with further particulars of this Quaker case.

Cleared Outwards.			For
John Secum	Adventure	Sloop	*Curacoa.*
John Pitts	Exchange	Ketch	*Madera.*
Rich. Dafforn,	Fisher	Ketch	*Virginia.*
Tho. Meirs	Blessing	Ship	*Jamaica.*
Outward Bound,			For
Wil. Clark	Endeavour	Ship	*Corratuck.*
Wil Holberton,	Anne	Ship	*Barbadoes.*
Joseph Small	Seaflour	Ketch	Ditto.
	Elizabeth,	Briganteen	Ditto.
Wil. Dounten	Joseph and Betty		*St. Christophers.*
John Alder	Diamond,	Briganteen	*Antigua.*

Advertisements.

[Reprinted: dwelling house for sale, as in October 15; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday October 29. to Monday November 5. 1705.

AS—NY

[MORE than two columns of this issue are filled with domestic news, including a proclamation by Governor Dudley for an embargo on vessels bound to Barbadoes and the Caribbean Islands. The foreign matter is from Berlin, Vienna, Frankfort, Hague, Lisbon and elsewhere, of May dates; and a letter from the Imperial Camp at Gavardo dated April 30.]

New-York, Octob. 29. On the 26th Instant, *Erasmus Wilkins* the Privateer was Executed for the Murder of Lieut. *Featherston-Hough* of the Honourable Colonel *Livesey's* Regiment: He confess'd that he took a Sword from a Gentleman, and run it into another, which he believed was the Gentleman that was kill'd, and that he afterwards broke the Sword: He dyed penitent and like a man, & caution'd his Comrades against Drunkenness, Swearing, Whoring, and Sabbath-breaking, etc.

We are uncertain when the *Jamaica* Fleet here bound for *England* will Sail.

By His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same.

A PROCLAMATION,

For an Embargo on Ships and Vessels bound to *Barbadoes*, and the Careeby Leeward Islands.

Whereas Her Majesties Ship Deptford, *Captain* Charles Stucley *Commander*, is *fitting and making ready speedily to Sail to* Barbadoes, *and from thence to proceed to* Salt-Terrudos, *to Guard the Ships designed thither to lade Salt for carrying on the Fishery.*

I have therefore thought fit by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to order an Embargo *upon all Ships and Vessels Outward Bound for* Barbadoes, *or any of the Careby Leeward Islands; And that none be permitted to sail thither without my special Licence; until Her Majesties* said *Ship* Deptford *be made ready, and then to attend her and take the benefit of a good Convoy.*

And all Officers of the Custom's, Naval and Import Officers, and Commanders of Castles and Forts within this Province, are hereby Commanded to take notice of this Proclamation, and Conform themselves accordingly.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, upon *Wednesday* the 30th of *October*, 1705. In the Fourth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady ANNE, by the Grace of GOD, of *England, Scotland France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, etc.

By Order of His Excellency
the Governour, with Advice of the Council, *J. Dudley*

Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN

Boston, On *Monday* the 22d. of *October*, early in the morning, Mr. Honewell in the Sloop *Olive-Branch* from *Augvilla* about 6 weeks passage, having little Wind at S. S. E. standing afore it for *Brewsters*, being within three Leagues of it, on a sudden a flaw at N. N. W. came down upon him, which tore his Main Sail all flitters, broke his Sternn in 3 pieces, and having no Sail, they lay to the mercy of the Sea and Winds, which drove them out of the Bay within 8 Leagues of *Casko*, Where he & his men were taken on Board of Mr. *John Sharpe's* Vessel from *Barbadoes*, and now brought in here; *Honewell*, and especially his men being overcome with Tugging so long at the Pump, were almost past any hopes of escaping being lost, when Providence so ordered it that Mr. *Sharp* came to their relief: The Sloop was seen sinking in a little time after they were taken out.

Last week came here from *New-York*, one Mr. *Henry Burch* a Quaker, Aged about 21 years, the only Son of Mr. *John Burch* of St. *Martins*-Lane, *London*, formerly a Minister of the Church of *England*, but now a Quaker & a Preacher; this *Henry* was bound an apprentice about 9 years ago to one Mr. *Henry Burch* of *London*, his Uncle,

a Doctor of Physick; and going in a Ship, whereof Capt. *Marcy* was Commander, from *England* to *Barbadoes* the last War with his said Uncle, they were taken by a *French* Privateer near *Barbadoes*, and one of the Privateers took a dagger and run thorow the young Lads Cheek and Jawbone, and struck out two of his Teeth, cut his Left hand thorow 3 fingers, the prints whereof are still to be seen, his Uncle took no care to Cure him: but he being young soon learn'd the *French* Tongue, and they Cur'd him; the Privateer carried them first to *Calice* in *France*, his Uncle was sent to *Amsterdam*, and when his Nephew was Cured, he was sent after him; where he met him; and a *Sweedish* Ship coming in with *French* Prisoners to release the Swedes, there not being *French* enough, took his Uncle & him and carried them back to *Calice*, from whence they went to *Sweedland;* & one Capt. *Philips* being bound from thence in a Ship for *Virginia*, they imbarked on board him, and in the year 1700 they arrived, and going up *Myles's* River in the County of *Chester*, his Uncle sold him a Servant unto one *Richard Skinner* a Planter for 6 years, & gives him a large Sum of Money to murder him when he was gone. His Uncle took an Indenture, and put a clean Sheet of Paper over it, and made his Nephew sign it at the bottom, not knowing there was an Indenture beneath it.

And as soon as his cruel Uncle was gone, his Master *Richard Skinner* sent him out to the *Hooe*, where he continued 3 years, along with his Negro's and Indian Overseers, at length this Young man wrote to Mr *Samuel Carpenter*, and other Quakers of *Philadelphia*, and acquainted them of his Circumstances and the whole Tragedy, who came forthwith to *Virginia* and bought his time & brought him to *Philadelphia* last year, and wrote home to his Father in *London* the whole matter of Fact, who sent over Money largely to recompence and pay them for what they had done; who ordered his Son to return home.

And the said *Henry Burch* Imbarking on board the Ship *Batchellour Endeavour* in & of *Philadelphia* in *June* last, Cap. *Dykes* Commander, bound for *London*, meeting with the *Jamaica* Fleet bound home for *England* about the latter end of *July*, they joined said Fleet in order to keep them Company; but meeting with the great Storm on the 18th of *August* last, which foundered several of said Fleet: The Ship wherein he was sunk under them, wherein were lost 35 persons, but the Quarter Deck was broke from the Ship ere she sunk; upon which this *Henry Burch*, 2 Seamen, *Henry Taylor* and *Jacob Grackston*, & *Hannah Hancock* (and a Child in her arms which was drowned) got upon and were taken up by the Ship *Sweet William*, one of the Fleet, & carried into *New-York*, from whence the said *Burch* came hither, who now intends by the way of *Barbadoes* to *England*, hoping to meet his Father there.

This *Henry Burch's* Uncle when went to *London*, put himself into Mourning for his Nephew, & told his Parents that he dyed of the Bloody Flux in *Virginia*. This young man had a Rich Grand-mother, to whom he was to be Heir, & failing of him, his Uncle was to enjoy the said Estate: And after the Uncle and Nephew left *England*, the old Gentlewoman dyed, and by Will bequeathed 30001 to her Grand son *Henry Burch*, and in case of his Death, to his Uncle *Henry Burch;* for Lucre of which, his Uncle contrived his Nephew's ruin; And hitherto Providence has disappointed him.

This whole information was taken from Mr. *Henry Burch's* own mouth.[123]

Capt. Southack[124] in the Province Galley is returned from his Cruise.

Captain *Huntington* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, and Commadore of the *Jamaica* Fleet, receiving Letters from *New-York*, that the other part of said Fleet there, not being ready to Sail the 10th Currant as was intended, The said Commadore, Wind and Weather permitting, designs to Sail from hence on the 15th Currant, with what Vessels will be ready under his Convoy.

	Coasters Entered Outwards	For
Joseph,	*Allen* and *Thomas Curtice*	*Connecticut*
	Foreign Inwards	From.
Solomon Gardner	Sloop *Mary*	*St. Christophers*
William Herbert	Ketch *Good Hope*	*Barbadoes*
Nathaniel Balston	Ship *Elizabeth*	Ditto
John Sharp.	Sloop *Four Friends*	Ditto
Anthony Haywood	Ship *Eagle*	Ditto
Nathaniel Jarvies	*John & Abiel*	Ditto
Richard Thomas	*Porto Merchant*	*Antigua*
John Waters	Ship *Blessing*	Ditto
John Hoddy	Briganteen *Adventure*	Ditto
Robert Starkey	Briganteen *Endeavour*	Corratuck
	Foreign Cleared Outwards	For
Matthew Armstrong	Sloop *Swallow*	*Virginia*
David Northy	*Speedwell Friend*	Ditto
Charles Renouse	Ketch *Adventure*	*St. Christophers*
Matthew Soley	Sloop *Rebeckah*	*Jamaica*
John Hobbs	Ketch *Lamb*	*New-York*
Benjamin Parsons	Ship *Providence*	*London*
Benjamin Parsons jun.	Brigant. Success	Ditto
Benjamin Stone	Ship *Golden Fleece*	Ditto

123 See News-Letter Nos. 82, 83 and 84 *post* for sequel to this Munchausen tale received from the hero's "own mouth."

124 Captain Cyprian Southack, late maker of charts, notably chart of The Coast of New England from Staten Island to the Island of Breton.

Outward Bound		For
Isac Harvey	Ship *Anne*	*Virginia*
William Cleves	*William & Mary*	Ditto
John Welsh	*Hannah & Elizabeth*	*Barbadoes*
John Aken	Sloop *Hawk*	*St. Christophers*

Advertisement

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** November 5. to **Monday** November 12. 1705.

NY—AS (m)

[A LITTLE more than a column on the first page of this issue is filled with foreign news, principally an account of the death of the Austrian emperor, and a list of members-elect of Parliament. Features of the domestic news are: the story of the conviction of Thomas Odell, the counterfeiter; a proclamation for the apprehension of deserters, and "further Continuation of a Remarkable Relation" begun in the previous issue.]

New-York, Nov 5. It is said Her Majesties Ships of War with the Fleet under their Convoy will Sail from hence for *England* the 15th Currant.

Vessels Outward Bound are *Basset* and *Dehart* for *Madera*, *Perkins* for *Barbados*, *Viall* for *Jamaica*, and a Sloop for St. *Thomas*.

Boston, In our Numb. 17. You'll find a Proclamation of the 8th of *August*, 1704 Emitted by His Excellency, for Apprehending of one *Thomas Odell* a chief Contriver and Actor in Counterfeiting of the Twenty Shilling Bill of Credit on this Province, and uttering of the same.

Which said *Odell* was apprehended in *Pensilvania*, and sent thence to *New-York*, in order to be sent hither, as [in] Numb. 57. And in Numb 59. You'll find him brought from *New-York* to *Rhode-Island*, where he made his escape.

And in Numb. 60, 61 You'l find him caught again at *Rhode-Island*, and brought from thence hither, where he remained in Prison till now.

That on Tuesday the 6th Currant, there was held here the Superiour Court of Assize, and General Goal Delivery; where the said *Odell* was Arraigned for Uttering Counterfeit Bills of Credit on this Province, and was ordered by said Court to pay a Fine of 300 l. a years Imprisonment, to pay the Charge of Prosecution, and stand Committed till the Sentence be performed.[125]

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125 See News-Letter Nos. 15, 17 (1704), 57, 59, 60, 61 *ante*. Also Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 431-432, 708-710.

On Thursday the 8th Currant, *Thomas Boylston* a Child of 5 years old was Crushed to Death at *Muddy River* in a Cyder *Mill* between the Sweep and a Post of the House, as the Horse went round.

By the Governour and Council.

W*Hereas the Souldiers Impressed and sent down to the Service of this Province at Her Majesties Castle* William, *have several of them lately deserted the Service there contrary to Law.*

These are to Certify all Her Majesty's Good Subjects of this Province and *New-Hampshire*, that whosoever, Officer or other Inhabitant that shall apprehend and return such Deserters to Justice, shall be at all times paid their just Charges therein out of the wages of such Souldier so restored to the Service or Justice according to Law, to be Assigned by the Governour, out of their next Muster-Roll, wherein such Deserters names are, and payment accordingly.

Isaac Addington Secr.

A further Continuation of a *Remarkable Relation*, begun in the Last News Letter.

THE Reader knows, That in some of our *News-Letters*, for want of Room, we have *broke off in the middle of a Matter*. In our Last we gave you a very punctual Relation, of a matter that appear'd very remarkable, concerning one *Henry Burch*, a Quaker; who was well pleased to have his own Story Published. According to Good Manners, we have let him tell his Story first. We will take leave now to tell ours: For plainly, the most Remarkable part of it, is yet behind.

It may be some will not count it remarkable, that there should be Bad people among the *Quakers*, as well as among the People of other Professions, who do not pretend unto their *Spirit* of discerning: But *I tell ye Friends* nay pritty *Remarkable*, That a Blade should be so desirous to have such a formal Story Printed about himself, and yet that in less than 2 days time, he should be detected for an horrid CHEAT, and it be palpably found, that probably, *There is not one word of Truth in all the Story*.

Did ye ever hear of such a piece of Impudence! The *former part of our Account* came out on Monday, but before Tuesday-night he was march'd off, or in other terms *Step'd aside*. Only the ungrateful Varlet, had first exercised a *faculty* of his (which ye shall presently hear of) on the Money and other purloinables, of such Friends as had civilly Entertained him. His very *Shirt* (being Stolen, you must note) had the Courage to take a *Thief by the Throat*. It is well, that the Charitable Gentlemen, who treat all Strangers with the Civilities at their Houses, were no more spunged upon: But some of them, at

the first interview, found him in such inconsistancies, that they could not tell, what in the world to make of him.

It now Remains, that we *go on with our Story;* And do our Spark, the Honour of an *Hue and Cry*. He has, as we told ye a wound in his *Cheek* (near his upper Lip) But certainly it was not a *French Privateer* (as he said with a three squar'd Dagger) that gave it him. It was probably an Officer call'd, *Un Boureau*, in plain English, *An Hangman*. A *Remarkable* Person Truly! One *marked* with a *Brand* in the *Cheek*.

He has, as we also told ye, three fingers cut a thwart his Left Hand, ever since which, they have been *so light*, that they Steal all that comes in their way. Wherefore, if ye happen to *shake hands* with such a Fellow, pray hold him fast, and bring him before Authority.

Possibly, he has changed his *Outward Name*. But he is fled with a *New*, (not T*rue*) B*lue* Cloak, lined with a *Knave*. His *Under Garments* were of the well-known *Quaker* Cut.

He is a Fellow of *Little Stature*, tho' of great Roguery, and of a *Young Aspect*, But in a fair way never to be *Old*.

To oblige, the Undertaker of this Print, to Correct a certain gross mistake about his Uncle in his Published Story; whereof he was presently convicted, he offered a *Gold Ring* which (it since appears) he had Stolen from a Quaker Gold-S*mith*, with whom he Lodged. *If any man or person, in* T*own or Country, will take up this Imposter, and bring him in, he shall be Rewarded, either with that Ring, if my Goldsmith pleases, or with the value of it, and a better Reward besides.*

And now, I hope, this is become such an useful Story, That the Gentlemen, my Subscribers, will not complaint either of the *Introduction* to it in our former, or of the *precedure* of it, in our present, *News-Letter*. Our *News Letter* also, will, I hope sufficiently preserve its Reputation, if any Paragraph of it, not setting a thing in all its *true light*, shall in one weeks time supply all that is defective, and perhaps there are few Readers, but what have themselves now & then told a Story that needed a further *Elucidation*.

And whereas, our *Will-with-a-Wisp* (as I am told) should this week have *Held forth*, among his abused Friends, I think, I must now so far do it for him, as to say:

"*Plainly Friends*, our *Harry Burch* is a sad Fellow, and if he should 'assay to lye hid among any of ye, I make no doubt, ye will bring 'him out, that he may undergo the desperate thing which some call '*Condign Punishment, tho*' others call it *Persecution:*

Only, that he may have his *Name* a little stick to him (and because he told us, you know, that he had been at *Amsterdam!*) we will Humbly move, that if the Authority see meet, it may be *Laid on* after the *Dutch*-fashion; that is with good *Burchen Rods*, Tho' such dealing

may be too easy for such a *Skellum* to meet withal.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Carteret Gillam* from *Connecticut* and *John Jackson* from *Piscataqua*. Outwards, *Amazeen, Lyford & Jackson* for *Piscataqua*, and *Lothrop* for *Nantucket*. Foreign Inwards from *Corratuck, Samuel Edwards* in the Briganteen *William & Mary*. St. *Christophers, Fortune Redduck*, St. *Christophers* Sloop. *Monserrat Francis Norris Seaflower Sloop. Pensilvania Alexander Duncan* Sloop *Friendship. Virginia Thomas Pope* Sloop *Endeavour*. Cleared Outwards for *Madera, John Rainer* in Ketch *Freek, Daniel Noyes* Briganteen *Hannover, Surranam, Richard Hengeson* sloop *Seaflower, Roanock, William Clark* Sloop *Endeavour, Virginia, William Cleeves* Ship *William & Mary*, and *Isaac Harvey* Ship *Ann*. Outward bound for *Barbadoes, John Ely* Briganteen *Dove, James Bridgham* Ship *Hampton, John Raynsford* Frigat *Dwaal. Virginia, Moses Abbot, John & Mary, Madera, Noah G*[*re*?]*ville* Sloop *Adventure*.

Captains, *Gillam* and *Mason* are arrived from *England* at Cape *Anne*, and said to have seven Weeks passage from P*limouth*.

Advertisements.

A Gentleman wants to Borrow a Hundred Pounds upon Good Security, Or for Bills of Exchange in England: Whoever has said Money to Lend, Inquire of John Campbell Post-Master and know further.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday November 12. to Monday November 19. 1705.

AS—NY

[AT the head of the first column of the first page is the line, "*The Advice we have from* England by *Prints* are;" then are nearly two and a half columns of domestic news followed by this editorial line; "*All of which we shall enlarge upon in our succeeding Prints*." Domestic news fills one and a half columns.]

New-York, Nov. 12. On the 7th arrived here a Briganteen from Bermuda, one Joyner, Master, says, that the last great Storm that the Jamaica fleet met with, has done a great deal of damage on that Island. Wessels from Antigua, & Benj. Hill from Curacoa, which last brought us the bad news of Depue, Joline & Thinhoven being taken by the French bound from hence to Jamaica; The French have made Privateers of their Vessels, being 2 Sloops & a Briganteen. This

day arrived Daniel Robert from Jamaica, came from thence the 4th of October, with 2 Briganteens for Boston & a Sloop for Philadelphia.

Her Majesty's Ships of War, the Nonsuch, Maremaid and Deal Castle, with the Vessels under their Convoy Sails from hence for England the latter end of this week, or the beginning of the next.

Marble-head, Nov 17 On the 11th Currant arrived here Capt. *Bevis* from *England*, who took up *Mr. Blin* (formerly mentioned *No. 80* feared to be lost) in his Sloop 8 or 9 Leagues off *Cape Anne*, without Mast, Bolsprit, Rudder, Boat, Sail, Anchor or Cable, his side broke down, 3 foot & an half water in his Hold, 3 men but no bread, nor useful pump; and brought said Sloop and men in here.

Boston, On *Tuesday* the 13th Currant, arrived here Captains, *Benjamin Gilman*, *David Mason*, *John Corney* and *William Bevis* from England, who left *Plimouth* the 22d of *September*, in Company of a Fleet of about 25 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War, *viz.* The *Experiment* Galley, Capt. *Pudner* Commander, and a Fireship bound for *Jamaica;* with other Vessels whom they parted with about 10 days after they left *Plimouth;* The *Tritton* Prize, Capt. *Myles* Commander, bound for *New York*, who bore away with those for *Jamaica;* The *Litchfield* Prize, Capt. *Chandler* Commander, and the *Angelsey*, Capt [blank] Commander, with 2 Store Ships and 2 Merchantmen for *Newfoundland*, who has on board them Major *Loyd* the Governour, with some Land Forces, whom they parted with 50 Leagues to the Westward of *Fyall*, in the Lat. of 35. Capt. *Gillam* sprung his Main Mast in the Voyage. Capt. *John Wild* for *Boston*, and Capt. *Jeffries* for *New-York* were in the *Downs* when these left *England*, waiting to come out with the *Virginia* Fleet and Convoy: When these above left *Plimouth*, it was said, that part of the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet were arrived in *Kingsale* in *Ireland*.

On *Thursday* the 15th Currant, *John Price* Mariner, belonging to *Benjamin Stone*, bound for *London*, not being willing to proceed the Voyage, went to the Carpenter's Block, and with his Ax cut off his own Left hand, and is now under Cure.

Her Majesties Ship the Guernsey Capt. *Huntington* Commander, and Commodore of the Jamaica Home-ward bound Fleet, with Vessels under his Convoy, bound for *England* have been Wind-bound at Nantasket three days, and Sailed from thence the 18*th* Currant, the Wind at N. W.

Our Number 81. Gave you an Account of a formal Story given us by one *Henry Burch* a Quaker: and our Number 82 gave you a further Relation of said *Burch*, to which we shall still refer you, only here add, That from *N York* we are well informed, That what we told of his escaping drowning is a Fals-hood, for he was there ere the

Jamaica Fleet Arrived, and is a Runaway from his Master of *Philadelphia* or *Burlington*, who was apprehended by his Master in order to return home, and just as they were going away he pickt his Masters Pocket of Forty Shillings, and made his escape, who never was heard of till our Print discovered him; and therefore we hope that all good People will endeavour (where he comes) to apprehend him, in order to return him to his Master, after he has received a due Compensation for his Gratuity to his Friends here.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *Drick Adolph* for *New York*, Foreign Inwards, from *London*, *Benjamin Gillman*, Ship *Reward*, *David Mason*, *William & Hannah*, *John Corney Dorothy* Briganteen, *S, Christophers*, *Thomas Porter*, *New-London*, Sloop *William Kelleyt Hopewell.* Sloop *Ruanoke John Wilkins Seaflower* Sloop *Topsham William Bevis Peace* Ship Cleared Outwards for *Surranam*, *Thomas Andrews Jamaica*, *Thomas Pemberton John & Thomas*, *Portugal*, *Bryan Smith*, *Moses* Briganteen *North Carolina John Forde*, *Speedwell* Sloop, Outward bound, for *Nevis*, *William Webber Rose* Briganteen. *Antigua*, *Beamsly Perkins*, *Eagle* Galley, *Nethaniel Perkins Success* Briganteen, *Robert Carver*, in the *Plimouth*. *Barbadoes*, *Thomas Barnes Swan* Briganteen. *William Skinner*, *Providence* Briganteen, *Nicholas Lawrence*, *Endeavour*, *Philip Lewis Hope*, *Virginia*, *Joseph Brown*, *John & Deborah*.

Advertisement

Strayed from Mr. John Wilson of Brantree at Mr. Haven's in Kingston in Narraganset, about a fortnight ago, a sorrel Mare, low Stature, four white feet, a white face, shod all round, her near ear tore, has a long white tail and Main: Whoever can give any true Intelligence of her to the above-said Mr. Haven, or Mr. Billings, or the Post-Rider, so as the true Owner may have her again shall be sufficiently Rewarded.

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A. E. Numb. 84.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday November 19. to Monday November 26. 1705.

AS—NY

[EXCEPT one column filled with domestic news,the four pages of this issue are given principally to news of the campaign on the continent, in letters of May dates from Paris, Vienna, Hague, Frankfort, Warsaw, Turin and elsewhere. From London is the

address of the presbyterian ministers of Ireland to the duke of Ormond.]

New-York, *Nov.* 19 Capts. *Laurier* & *Dunscum* arrived here about 3 weeks passage from *Barbadoes*.

Her Majesties Ships of War, and Vessels under their Convoy will Sail for *England* next week.

Boston, On *Wednesday* the 21st Currant, Arrived at *Cape-Anne* the Gentlemen that went from hence for *Canada* the 6th of *July* last, along with Capt. *Cortemanche* the Governour of *Canada's* Commissioner, who came hither the last Spring. They left *Canada* about 6 weeks ago, and with great difficulty, having spent their Mast, are now arrived here, and brought with them Letters for His Excellency, with the Governour of *Cannada's* Proposals for the Exchange of Prisoners. They brought also with them 11 of our Captives.

Our Gentlemen were very civily Treated by the Governour of *Cannada*, and say, That the Seminary at *Quebeck* was burnt a second time, about a fortnight ere they came from thence, which was burnt about 4 years before.[126]

Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford*, Capt. *Stuckey* Commander, with the Vessels under his Convoy, designs to Sail for *Barbadoes* and *Salt Tertuda* the 10th of *December* next.

By a Person that came lately from *Antigua* we are well assured, that Mr. *Samuel Frason*, Merchant, whom we mentioned in our Numb. 74. feared to be lost, was arrived safe at *Antigua*, from whence he went to *Barbadoes*.

Mr. *Samuel Carpenter* of *Philadelphia* (whom *Henry Burch* the Quaker in his forged Story in our Numb. 81, said, was one that bought his time in *Virginia*) acquaints us from *Philadelphia* the 15 Currant that what said *Burch* related as to his going to *Virginia* and buying his time is false. for he has not been at *Virginia* these 7 years.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Eleazar Darby* and *Jeremiah Vail* from *New-Jersey*, and *William Walter* from *Connecticut*. Outwards, *Cornelius Bennington* and *Thomas Lanyon* for *Roanoke*. Foreign Inwards, *Joseph Flint* in the *Prudent Hannah* from *Barbadoes*. Cleared Outwards, For *Jamaica*, *Thomas Hunt* Sloop *Panther:* For *Surranam*, *Joseph Dean*, Briganteen *Dragon Jeremiah Cushing*, Sloop *Industry:* For *Fyall*, *Thomas Gilbert*, Briganteen *Goodwill:* For *Antigua*, *John Alder*, Briganteen *Diamond*. Outward bound, For *Antigua*, *John Porter*, Sloop *Mary:* For *Monserrat*, *Francis Norris*, Sloop *Seaflower;* For *Lisbon*, *Richard Thomas*, Port-*Merchant:* For

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126 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 541. See News-Letter No. 64 *ante*.

Curacoa, *Simon Ranie*, Sloop *Charles*, and *John Sharp*, Sloop *Four Friends*.

On *Saturday* arrived Capt. *Legay* from *Barbadoes*, in the Prize Ship, mentioned in our *Numb*. 80, taken by Capt. *Mitchel* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Weymouth*.

Last week we had a spell of very cold Weather; and on *Saturday* it Snow'd.

Advertisements.

A Gentleman in Boston has 150 or 200 Pounds to Lend at Interest upon Good Security: Inquire of John Campbell Post-Master in Boston, and know further.

This is to give Notice, That whereas the Southern Post from Boston to Rhode-Island, for the Three Winter Months of December, January and February, went & came once a Fortnight, as the Western Post to New-York still goes; That for the better Advantage of Commerce and Trade, The said Southern Post goes out and returns in said Months once every Week, viz. He sets out from Boston every Monday at Six a Clock in the afternoon, and returns every Saturday; And every other Monday of the aforesaid Months, the Southern Post carrys with him the Western Male for Connecticut and New-York.

And in regard the days are short and bad Travelling in said Months, These are also to give Notice, That the Eastern Post from Boston to Piscataqua, sets out every Monday's night at 7 a Clock and returns every Saturday. And all Persons are to bring their Letters to the Post-Office for the Southern and Western Post at Five a Clock in the afternoon; and for the Eastern Post at Six a Clock, and not to exceed.

To be Sold at the Post-Office in Boston; The Monthly Mercury's at 12 Pence a piece, London-Gazetts, Flying Posts, Post-man, Post-Boy, and Observators, at Two pence a piece: So that any person in Town or Country, in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, may have the same agreeing with John Campbell Post-Master for all, or any of the same.

Also to be Sold at the Post-Office in Boston the Gazateer, or Newsman's Interpreter, being a Geographical Index of all the Considerable Cities, Partriarchips, Bishopricks, Universities, Dukedoms, Earldoms, and such like; Imperial and Hance-Towns, Ports, Forts, Castles, etc. in EUROPE. Shewing in what Kingdoms, Provinces, Countries, they are; to what Prince they are now Subject; upon, or nigh what Rivers, Bays, Seas, Mountains, etc. they stand; their distances (in English miles) from several other places of Note, with their Longitude & Latitude, according to the best and approved MAPS. Of special use for the true Understanding of all Modern

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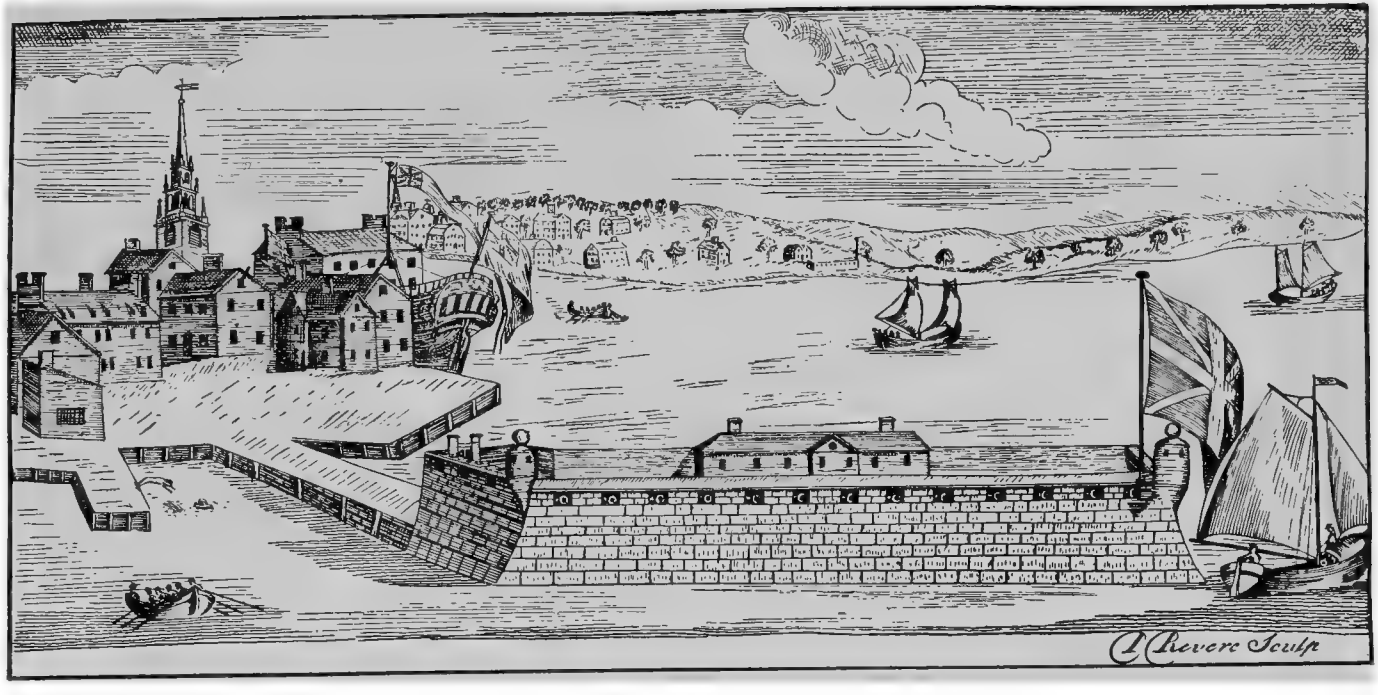
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Histories *of Europe*, as well as the present Affairs; explaining by Abbreviations and Figures, for Conveniency of Cheapness & Pocket carriage; with the Addition of a Table of the Births, Marriages, etc. of all the Kings, Princes, and Potentates, of EUROPE.

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N. E. Numb. 85.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday November 26. to Monday December 3. 1705.

AS—NY

[AFFAIRS in Bavaria, Poland, Spain and elsewhere are reported in letters of May date, and one of June 2 from Hague, Hamburg, Lisbon, Ratisbon and other capitals and from the military camps before Valentia and Albuquerque. All but three quarters of a column of the two pages of the number are thus filled.]

Boston, On Tuesday the 27th *Novemb.* arrived here *Robert Gold* in a Sloop from *Newfoundland*, who came from *St. Johns* the 1st said Month, & says That Her Majesty's Ships, the *Litchfield* Prize, and *Angelsey*, with the 2 Store Ships, having the Forces on Board, and the Merchantman that came out of *England* in company with them were arrived at *Newfoundland* the 29th of *October* last: The Men of War in their voyage took a *French* Prize, whom they released again, upon condition of paying a considerable Sum of Money, for which they took Hostages for this payment.

On *Wednesday* the 28th *Novemb. Anthony Haleing* Mariner dyed suddenly; he was a person much addicted to Prophaness and Intemperance, he had newly undertaken a Voyage for *Barbadoes*, with Capt. *John Foster;* and a little ere he dyed, he was helping to carry some Sails to the Boat which lay at *Scarless Wharf*, and having put the Sails into the Boat, Capt. *Foster's* Mate desired him to go and help to bring down the small Arms; to which he replyed that he would dye ere he would be a Porter to any body, and while the other was gone for the Arms, the said *Haleing* was suddenly taken with an extreme pain athwart his Breast, the anguish whereof made him wish that God would stop his breath, & so dyed suddenly; Tis said that he used formerly to be taken with those pains.

On the Lords Day the 25th of *November* last Dyed the Pious and Virtuous Mrs. *Sarah Allen*, Wife of the Reverend Mr. *James Allen:* Aged 67. And was Interred on the *Wednesday* following.

By Capt. *Gillam*, The Governour received Her Majesty's Bounty to this Province, consisting of Twenty Piece of Cannon, with all necessary Stores and Provision for their Mounting, (which was Landed on *Castle-Island* the 30th Instant) as a particular mark of her Majesties Favour for the Defence of this Province.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Smallage* from *Rhode Island*. Outwards, *Kelly* and *Parker* for *Piscataqua*, and *Grafton* for *Salem*, Foreign Inwards *Robert Gold* Sloop *Mary* from *Newfoundland*. Cleared Outwards, *Joseph Wallis* in *John* and *Deborah*, for *Virginia*, *Moses Abbot*, in *John* and *Mary* for *Maryland*. Outward Bound, For *Coratuck John Webster*, Briganteen *Endeavour*, *Antigua*, *David Bucklin*, Briganteen *Randol: Thomas Symkins*, Ketch *Marymack*, St. *Christophers*, *Ebenezar Breed* Ketch *Good-hope; South Carolina*, *John Elliot*, Sloop *Nonsuch; Barbadoes*, *John Corney*, Briganteen *Dorothy; Virginia*, *Noah Chamne*, in *Endeavour; Jamaica*, *Nathaniel Balston*, in the *Elizabeth* and *Mary*.

Advertisement

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A. E. Numb. 86.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday December 3. to Monday December 10. 1705.

AS—NY

[THERE are four pages to this number, all but one and a half columns being filled with domestic news. Under May and June dates are numerous dispatches from London, Hague, Vienna, Turin, Berlin, Frankfort, Milan, Naples and elsewhere, which for the most part give particulars concerning the campaign in Spain. The London matter includes a proclamation by the queen, dated May 30, 1705.]

New-York, *Nov.* 27. Her Majesties Ships, the *Nonsuch*, *Maremaid* and *Deal-Castle*, with the *Jamaica* Fleet, and other vessels under their Convoy bound for *England*, have lain Wind bound since *Fryday* last at the watering place: The Wind is now at S. W. and if it veres more Northerly, they'll put to Sea this day or tomorrow.

Several Vessels will Sail in 10 days for *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica*, *Madera*, *Curacoa*, & other ports of the *West Indies*.

Piscataqua December 6th. Capt. *Chamberlin* in the Ship *Rebecca* of 300 Tuns, Designs to Sail for *Lisbon* about a Month or Five Weeks hence.

Boston, Sundry Acts passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in *New-England:* Begun and Held at *Boston* the Thirtieth of *May* 1705 and continued by several Prorogations unto *Wednesday* the Twenty-fourth of *October* following, and then met, being their Third Session. Published *December* the 6*th*. Viz.

An Act Directing the Method of Payment of Soldiers.

An Act for Regulating the Assize of Cask for Tar, Pitch, Turpentine, and Rozin, and for preventing Frauds and Deceit in said Commodities.

An Act in Addition to the Act for due Regulation of Weights and Measures

An Act in Addition to and Explanation of the Act relating to Sureties upon Mean Process in Civil Actions

An Act against burning of Houses.

An Act to prevent Fraud in Cord-Wood exposed to Sale

An Act for the better preventing of a Spurious & mixt Issue

A Private Act in a Case between Robert Bartlet *and* Erasmus James.

On *Wednesday* the 5th. Currant His Excellency Prorogu'd the General Assembly to the last *Wednesday* of *February* next.

On Fryday His Excellency went from *Roxbury* for His Government of *New-Hampshire.*

The Fleet for *Barbadoes*, and the Leward Islands under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Deptford, Capt. *Stoucley* Commander, Designs to Sail on *Wednesday* next; | several of the Merchant-men are Ships of good force.

On *Wednesday* dyed Mr. *Henry Sargeant* Merchant and was Interr'd on Fryday last.

Coasters Entered Outwards, *Duncan* and *Wair* for *Piscataqua. Jeremiah Vail* for *Roanock.* Foreign Inwards from St. *Thomas, Andrew Wager* in Ketch *Mary, Jamaica, Bartholomew Green* in Briganteen *Swan, Newfoundland, Richard Friend* in Sloop Content. Cleared Outwards for *Barbadoes* 11 Ships, *viz.* Captains *Samuel Rymes* in the *Barbadoes* Merchant, *John Foster* in the Sarah, *Richard Fyfield* in the Swallow, *John Alden* in the Swallow, *William Alden* in the Content, *John Henderson* in the Swan, *Azor Gale* in the Friendship, *Thomas Thacher* in the Charles Galley, *Thomas Savill* in the Two Brothers, *James Bridgham* in the Hampton, *William Holberton* in the Ann, And 8 Briganteens, viz. Captains *John Corney* in the *Dorothy, John Welch* in the Hannah, *Joseph Everton* in the Elizabeth, *John* Pullen in the Dove, *Joseph Newill* in the Endeavour, *John Walker* in the Hopewell, *John Welch* in the Larke, *Tobias Green* in

the May Flower: and 4 Sloops, viz. *Abraham Gording* in the Fortune, *James Barnes* in the Swan, *Stephen Cross* in the Endeavour, and *John Porter* in the Mary. For *Jamaica*, *John Ventiman* in the Ship Martha & Elizabeth. For *Curacoa*, *Simon Rame* in the Sloop Charles. For *Lisbon*, *Richard Thomas* in the Sloop Oporto Merchant. For *Madera* *Noah Gville* in the Sloop Adventure. Outward bound for *Jamaica*, *Jeffery Bedgood* in the Sloop Two Brothers, *Barbadoes*, *William Chamberlin* in the Sloop Blessing, *Robert Gold* Sloop May, and *Nathaniel Harris* in Briganteen Swallow, *Fyall Jeremiah Tay* in Briganteen John & Ann, *Antigua*, *John Tayler* Sloop Katherine, *Topsham*, *William Bevis* in Ship Peace.

Advertisement

Ran-away from his Master William Pepperil Esqr. at Kittery in the Province of Maine, a Negro Man-Slave named Peter, aged about 20, Speaks good English, of a pretty brown Complexion, middle Stature, has on a mixt gray home-spun Coat, white home-spun Jacket and Breeches, French fall Shoes, sad coloured Stockings, of a mixt worsted pair, and a black Hat, Whosoever shall take up said Negro, and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him either to his Master, or to Andrew Belcher Esqr. at Boston, shall be well rewarded for his pains, and all reasonable charges paid besides.

Lately Deserted Her Majesties Service in the Province of Main, an Indian Man (under the Command of Cap. Joseph Brown) named Isaac Purnmatick, was seen at Newbury, in Company with the above Runaway Negro; he is a short Fellow not very thick, speaks very good English, he liv'd formerly with Mr. Samuel Thackster of Hingham; he has on English Cloaths, a sad coloured old coat, or else a new light coulered drugget Coat with buttons, holes and lining of black, black breeches, gray yarn Stockings, a black hat almost new. Whosoever shall apprehend said Indian, & him convey to his said Captain, or to Andrew Belcher Esqr. at Boston, shall have a sufficient reward besides his Charges.

Lately Deserted Her Majesties Service at Kittery Garison in the Province of Maine, David Thomas Souldier, a Welsh-man, aged about 30 years, pretty short and thick stature, dark brown coloured hair; hath on a new white Cape cloth Watch Coat, under that an old sad coloured strait bodied Coat and Jacket, gray yarn stockings, and an old black Hat. Whosoever shall apprehend said Deserter, and him safely convey to his said Post, or to Andrew Belcher Esqr. at Boston, shall have satisfaction to Content, besides his charges.

To be Sold in Boston at the Ware-house of Mr. James Leblond on the Long Wharf near the Swing-Bridge, New Lisbon Salt at

28s. per Hogshead, & 4s. per Bushel; also Rum, Sugar, Mollasses, Wine, Brandy, sweet Oyl, Indigo, Brasilet, Cocoa, Chocolat, with all sorts of Spice, either by Wholesale or Retale, at reasonable Rates.

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N. E. Numb. 87.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday, December 10. to Monday December 17. 1705.

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[NEARLY all this issue is filled with foreign news, which consists mostly of reports concerning the military movements in different parts of the continent of Europe. The domestic news is inconsiderable, being limited to four items which, with four advertisements, occupy about three quarters of a column.]

Piscataqua, Decemb. 13. His Excellency arrived here on *Tuesday* the 11th Currant, and designs to return from hence on *Wednesday* or *Thursday* next.

Boston, The Western Post not yet come in.

The Outward Bound Fleet for *Barbadoes* & the *Leward* Islands, lye Wind bound at *Nantasket.*

Coasters Entered Outwards, *William Rodes* for *Coratuck.* Foreign Inwards, *Ebenezar Parker* from *Pensilvania.* Cleared Outwards, for *Barbadoes, John Ela* in Briganteen *Dove, John Price* Sloop *Austin* Galley, *Nicholas Laurence* Ship *Endeavour, William Chamberlin* Barque *Blessing, Philip Lewis* Briganteen *Hope, Robert Gold* Sloop *Mary, Anthony Haywood* Ship *Eagle, Joseph Small* Ketch *Seaflower:* For *Antigua, Nathaniel Perkins* Brig. *Success.* For St *Christophers, Will. Dounten* Sloop *Joseph* and *Betty:* For *Curacoa, John Sharp* Sloop *Four Friends:* For *Coratuck, Robert Starke,* Sloop *Thomas.* Outward Bound, For *Jamaica, John Buckley,* Briganteen *Abigail* and *Sarah;* For *Barbadoes, Walter Oglesbie,* Briganteen *Martha, Joseph Flint,* in Ship *Prudent Hannah:* For *Montserat, Samuel Edwards,* in Briganteen *William* and *Mary.*

Advertisements.

A Certain Person wants to Borrow Thirty Pound upon good Security; Any Person that has said Sum, or any greater to Lend, may repair to John Campbell Post-Master, and know further.

[Reprinted: runaway slave of William Pepperil, as in December 10;

deserter from the queen's service in Maine as in December 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18.]

N. E. Numb. 88.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday December 17. to Monday December 24. 1705.

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[PRINCIPALLY foreign war news fills three columns of this two page number, from Milan, Hague, Ratisbon and other cities and "*from the Imperial Camp* at Gavardo, June 5, 1705."]

New-York, Decemb. 11 On the 30th past arrived here *Hicks* from *Rhode-Island*, and *Courteen* from *Curacoa*, who advises, that a Trading Sloop from said Port of 60 Men, was attacked by a *Spanish* Privateer Briganteen of 80 Men, who boarded the Sloop; That those of the Sloop killed 50 of the Privateers, wounded 15, and took her, and Carried her into *Curacoa;* She is thought to be the Briganteen that was in the Service of the Island of *Barbadoes*, which the Men ran away with.

On the 1st Instant, Her Majesty's Ships of War the *Nonsuch*, *Maremaid* and *Deal-Castle*, with the *Jamaica* Fleet and other Vessels under their Convoy, Sailed from *Sandyhook* for *England*, the Wind at North West.

On said day arrived *Adolph* from *Boston*, and *Spencer* from St. *Thomas*

On the 5th Currant arrived here Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton* Prize from *England* who came out from *Plimoth* with Captains *Gillam* and *Mason*, that are arrived at *Boston.*

Outward bound are several Vessels for *Curacoa*, *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Antigua*, *Madera*, *Carolina* & a Sloop for *Rhode-Island.*

Capts. *Pennistone*, *Tongrelow*, and *Van-Tyle* in 3 Ships, and also 2 Sloops Sails this week on Privateering.

Boston; The Seminary at *Quebeck* said to be burnt No 84. Was a large, fair, and costly Building. The flaming Shingles of it, flew to a distant Chappel, and set that on fire; By the near Neighbourhood of this little Chappel, a high Cross charg'd with a Crucifix, was Surpris'd: Upon the Burning and Fall whereof, take this short Elegy;

In Obitum Crucis

Gallica crux aequam flammam sentire coacta est:
Ista salus fallax, igne probata perit.

Idolum nihil est; restat de stipite longo
Nescio quid cineris, quem Papit urna brevis.

On *Tuesday* the 18th. Currant arrived here *Thomas Ball* in a Sloop from *Holland* and *England*, who Sailed from Plimouth the 25th of *October*, in Company with a Fleet of about 40 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War, two whereof was bound for *Guinea*, the other two, *viz.* the *Woolage* and *Advice* with several Vessels for *Virginia*, with whom came out Capt. *Wilde* for *Boston*, two Briganteens for *New-York*, and other two for *Philadelphia;* with several Vessels for the *West-Indies*, *Jamaica* and *Carolina*. Her Majesty's Men of War for *Virginia* took a *French* Merchant-man of 300 Tons from *Martinico*, loaden with Sugar, Indigo and Cocoa; and they designed to touch at *Madera*. Mr. *Ball* says, That *Catalenia* had revolted to King *Charles* the 3d. That *Barcelona* was besieged by the Confederate Forces, and generally concluded to be now in King *Charles's* possession. That the Grand Fleet is said to Winter in the *Streights*. That the Mast Fleet bound hither designed to sail in *March* next. That Capts. *L'easembly* in the *Dudley* Frigot, and *Carlile* in the *Swan* Briganteen, both belonging to *Boston* were Lost in a Storm coming from the Isle of *Wight* to *Plimouth*. Mr. *Ball* parted with the Fleet 5 days after they left the Lands-End of *England*, about 150 Leagues to the Westward but Capt. *Wilde* & the Vessels for *New-York* and *Philadelphia* kept still with the Fleet.

Last Three Weeks we had a Spell of very good Weather, till Fryday night about 7 a Clock it began to Snow, and continued all Saturday till about 7 at night; so that there fell a pritty big Snow.

The Fleet for *Barbadoes* and the Leeward Islands under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Deptford, are still Wind-bound at *Nantasket* ready to imbrace the first fair Wind.

Entered Foreign Inwards, From *Jamaica*, *Joseph Pusifer*, *Sarah* Briganteen; from *Plimouth*, *Thomas Ball* Sloop *Elizabeth* Cleared Outwards for *Barbadoes*, *Jonathan Lambert*, Ship *Industry*, *Nataniel Harris* Briganteen *Swallow*, *Thomas Symkins*, *Providence* Briganteen; for *St Christophers Daniel Whyborne* Sloop *Hawck;* for *Antigua*, *Wil Rowland*, Sloop *Seaflower;* for *Coratuck*, *Thomas Bell*, Sloop *Grayhound*. Outward Bound for *Carolina*, *Gill Belcher*, Ship *Tryal*.

The Eastern Post not yet come in.

The Southern and Western Post Sets out on Monday the 24*th*. at Six a Clock at night: The Southern Post goes out and comes in every Week, and the Western once a Fortnight.

Advertisements

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday December 24. to Monday December 31. 1705.

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[AGAIN a four page number, seven columns being filled with foreign news and one with domestic. Under June dates from Paris, Hague, Venice, Turin, Vienna, Rome, Hamburg, Madrid and elsewhere are reports of the campaigns in Portugal, Italy, Hungary and other parts of Europe. The domestic news includes a Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Dudley.]

Boston, On Tuesday the 25th. Instant His Excellency arrived at *Roxbury* from His Government of *N. Hampshire*.

On Wednesday Sailed from *Nantasket* the Outward bound Fleet for *Barbadoes* and the Leeward Islands under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Deptford.

By his Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esq.

Captain General and Governour in Chief in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION for a General Thanksgiving.

IT *having pleased Almighty GOD of his Great Goodness & Mercy, to Afford his Protection and Assistance to her Sacred Majesty in the Just War, in which for the common Safety of Her Majesties Realms, and for disappointing the boundless Ambition of* France, *Her Majesty is now Engaged; And hath given to Her Majesties Arms, in conjunction with Her Allies, under the Command of his Grace the Duke of* Marlborough, *Captain General of Her Majesties Land Forces, after their having forced the French Lines in the* Spanish Netherlands, *a Signal and Glorious Victory over the Forces of Her Majesties Enimies within those Lines.*

And such Great and Publick Blessings calling for Publick and Solemn Acknowledgements.

I *Do, by Her Majesties Especial Command, and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, Order and Appoint, That a General* THANKSGIVING *to Almighty GOD, for these His Mercies, be Religiously Observed throughout these Provinces, upon* Thursday *the* 24th *of* January *next: Exhorting both Ministers & People in their Publick Assemblies in the*

said Day, most devoutly to Celebrate the Praises of Almighty GOD, for His So Great Favours and *Blessings bestowed: And all Servile Labour is hereby forbidden on the said Day.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the 27*th* Day of *Decemb.* 1705. In the Fourth Year of Her Majesties Reign.

By Order of His Excellency
the Governour & Council, *J. DUDLEY*,
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

No Vessels Entered either Out or In this Week.

Last Week the first five Days thereof, we had extream Cold Freezing Weather. Fryday was moderate, and Saturday a Northerly Storm of Snow.

On the 30th arrived here Capt. *Wilde* from *England* mentioned in our Last, who arrived below the Castle on *Fryday* the 28th, where his Vessel still lyes, because of the Ice in the River: He parted with the Fleet for *Virginia*, and the Vessels for *New-York* etc. (whereof Capt. *Jeffers* was one) in Latitude of 32.

Advertisements

[Repeated: advertisement of runaway slave, as first in December 10.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday December 31. to Monday January 7. 1705. 6.

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[FOREIGN news fills nearly three of the four columns of this issue. Included therein is the address of the lord lieutenant to the English Parliament, at the close of the session in June, 1705, and the address of the Irish Parliament to the queen in June, with the answer of the queen. Under the Boston date on the second page is more than a column of short foreign news items.]

Jamaica, Octob. 30. Mr. *John Wing* from *Boston* arrived here last night. Capt. *Allen* commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Montague*, lately brought in here a French Merchant man of 30 Guns, bound to *Carthagene*, richly Loaden.

Philadelphia, Decemb. 17. Capt. *Guy* from *London* arrived here the 9*th*. Currant, He left *Plimouth* the 25*th*. of *October*, under Convoy of 2 Men of War for *Virginia*, the Woollage and Advice *&c*. by whom we are advised [Here are several items of foreign news.] Capt. *Kerney* in a Briganteen from *Ireland* arrived the 15*th*. instant, who about a Week ago spoke with a Briganteen about 60 Leagues off our Coast which had been a Month out of *Jamaica*, bound for *Boston*, he forgot the Masters Name.

Mr. *James Townsend* of *Boston* dyed at *Cohanzey*.

New-York Decemb. 24. Rolland in a Sloop from Jamaica arrived the 13th. in 6 Weeks time.

On the 19th. instant, The Private Ship of War call'd the Castle Del Key of 130 Tons, 18 Guns, Capt. Otto Van Tyle Commander, Sailed from Jackques Bay (about 10 Miles from hence) and in going down towards Sandyhook with an easy Gale of Wind, She struck upon the East bank and stuck there; They sent some of their men on Shoar in their Cannoo for boats to assist them, but that night a hard Gale of Wind Sprung up between W. & N. W. and Froze very hard, the Ship began to fill with Water: A Sloop and large Boat was sent down, but it Friezing and blowing so hard, they would not venture to relieve them, for fear of running the same fate of being a ground, and so Froze or Drowned: The next Morning the Gale continued hard all day, and the men were all alive upon the Deck and in the Shrowds the Sea beating over them: And on Fryday Morning the Wind abating, a Boat went on board and found but 4 of the men alive; The Captain and all the rest being Froze and Drowned, there was 145 men, on board when She Sailed, who all perished but 13, & 132 died in this deplorable manner. Here are Widows Lamenting the loss of their Husbands, and Parents their Children: Tis said about 80 or 90 of the men were English, Scotch and Irish, and the rest of Dutch Parentage, most born in this Country.

Capts Tongrelow and Peniston Sailes this day on Privateering, and Capt. Joyner for Jamaica; all our outward bound Vessels will Sail in 2 or 3 days, the Winter being set in severely.

Boston, The Advice we have from *England per* Captain *Wild* by Prints and Letters are [Here follows a column and a half of foreign news.]

Letters from *Bristol* to *London*, *Octob*. 3. Advise of one of the *Jamaica* Fleet's being arrived there, who sustained a Leak in the great Storm mentioned in our *No. 72*, and *73*. that said Fleet met with, whereby she lost 100 Hogsheads of Sugar; and stopping her Leak, Sailed Onwards to *England*, and supposes that several of the Fleet put in to *Virginia* and *New-England* to refit.

Of all which we shall inlarge in our succeeding Prints, as we usually do

Capt. *William Bevis* in Ship Peace for *Topsham* in *England*, intends to Sail within a Fortnight, Wind and Weather permitting.

On Saturday arrived [blank]*Pain* from South-*Carolina*. Last Week was moderate Weather for the season of the year, it Snow'd a little on Thursday morning, and it begun to Snow on Saturday about noon, and there fell a pritty deal that night.

Entered Foreign Inwards, from *London*, *John Wild* Ship Dove. Cleared Outwards for *Madera*, *Walter Oglesbie*, Briganteen Martha. Outward bound for St. Christophers, *Thomas Clark* Sloop Endeavour, *Monserrat Thomas Ball* Sloop Elizabeth.

☞ All the Posts came in on Saturday, and sets out again on Monday the 7th Currant, at 6 & 7 at night: The Eastern and Southern to go and come once a week, and the Western Post once a fortnight.

Advertisements.

TO be Sold by Mr Peter Signiac Merchant in Boston, at a very reasonable Rate, Five Copper Stills, one whereof contains 180 Gallons, two other 100 Gallons each, a 4th. contains 60 Gallons, and the 5th 30 Gallons, all weighing about 800 weight, with 5 worms and Tubbs fit for the said Stills: As also Ten Cisterns, three whereof Square, each containing about 1200 Gallons, one ditto round containing 1000 Gallons, six ditto containing about 300 Gallons each; Two Pumps with Iron handles, 12 Pales, one Hogshead with a Copper Cock, 5 Iron Doors, Two great Shovels, Two pair of Tongs, one Fork, and five Iron Shutters; with all their Appurtenances to be seen in the back Street behind Capt. Anthony Checkly's house in Boston at the Still-House which was formerly Mr. Peter Chardon's.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18, 1705.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday January 7. to Monday January 14, 1705. 6.

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[TWO and a half columns of this issue are filled with foreign news of the war on the continent, and of public affairs, under June, 1705, dates from Paris, Rome, Berlin, Vienna, London, Dresden and elsewhere.]

South-Carolina, *Nov.* 11. We have had here for a considerable

time, a Feaver attended with an unusual Ague, that few or no Families in Town or Country but what has been visited with it, while it was warm weather 'twas not mortal, but since cold weather came in many have died, and several persons of Note, and we hear that it has been very mortal among the Indians. There is a Vessel lately arrived here from *England*.

Piscataqua, January 11th. On Fryday the 4th. Currant several Gentlemen went from hence as far as Hampton to meet Mr. *Jonathan Belcher* Merchant of Boston, where he was met being accompanyed by several Gentlemen, and arrived here the said night in order to his Marriage on Tuesday the 8th. Instant, being his Birthday, unto Mrs. *Mary Partridge* Daughter to William Partridge Esq. late Lieutenant Governour of this Province; But at the motion of the Gentlemen that accompanyed him, they were Marryed the same night as he came off his Journey in his Boots: The Wedding was Celebrated on the Tuesday following, where there was a Noble and Splendid Entertainment for the Guests, and honoured with a Discharge of the Great Guns of the Fort, &c.[127]

'Twill be three Weeks ere Capt. Chamberlin for Lisbone will be ready to Sail, being hindered by the severity of the Weather.

Marblehead, Jan 12: On Saturday the 5th Currant, arrived here the Ship *Sarah* Galley of *Boston* of 12 Guns, 22 men, Capt. *Andrew Wilson* Commander, from *Bonira*, about 7 weeks Passage, who left *Barbadoes* the 23d of *October* last, bound for *Saltertuda*, and in his Passage met with a *French* Privateer Sloop, about 80 men, and a Loaden Ship with her, which they supposed to be her Prize: And *Capt. Wilson* judging he could not run from the Privateer, stood away for him, and soon came up with each other; whereupon Capt. *Wilson* halled up his Sails, he and his men retiring to their close Quarters, prepared to Fight; The Privateer presently boarded him, & clapt a considerable number of his men on board; *Wilson* and he were Lashed board and board about an hour. The Privateers finding it to hot for them on his Deck, their Gratings being all secured that they could not penetrate into his close Quarters, most of them went on board their own Sloop again, and from thence ply'd their small Arms on *Wilson*, and *Wilson* on them, till at last the Privateer was glad to cut his Lashings and get clear of him; and left 3 Fuzees,

127 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 151, under date Jany 9, also *note;* also pp. 152-153, under date Jany 12 [1705/6]. Jonathan Belcher: later Governor Belcher of Massachusetts (1730-1741); afterward Governor of New Jersey (1745-1757) till his death. He was born in Cambridge, son of Andrew Belcher, and his wife who was a daughter of Deputy Governor Danforth of Massachusetts under the colonial charter; and grandson of Andrew Belcher, an early inn-keeper of Cambridge.

3 Swords, and some Axes and Pistols behind them on *Wilson's* Deck and one of their men dead in his Chains; and they judge that they kill'd many of the Privateer's men, because they saw several fall and thrown down into their Hold, and the blood running very plentifully out of their Scuppers; Capt. *Wilson* had no men kill'd, only himself and Son received several Wounds; at parting Capt. *Wilson* discharged two Great Guns loaden with small Shot, which he supposes did great execution among the Privateers men.[128]

Boston, By a person come from Cape-*Cod* we are acquainted, That a Ketch Outward Bound from *Salem*, *William Brown* Master, who had besides himself, a Mate, 2 men and a Boy on board her, was Cast away on *Sandy Poynt* the 22d of *December* last; The Mate and one of the men were drowned; the Master brought the Boy in his Arms 2 or 3 miles, who then dyed; and the Master lies now dangerously ill, & 'tis doubted if he will recover.

On Tuesday the 8th. Currant, being the day designed for the Marriage of Mr. Jonathan Belcher of Piscataqua, There was several great Guns discharged at his Father Capt. Andrew Belcher Esqr's. Wharffe, and aboard of several Ships.[129]

On the 13th Dyed here Mr. David Jess, Goldsmith.

Last Week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, were extream Cold, the rest of the days was moderate Weather.

Foreign Entered Inwards, from *South-Carolina*, *Stephen Paine* in Ketch Martha. Cleared Outwards for *Monserrat Francis Norris* in Sloop Seaflower, *Antigua*, *Robert Carver* in Briganteen Plimouth, *Thomas Gwin* Briganteen Elizabeth, *Ephraim Breed* Ketch Goodhope, *Beamsly Perkins* Ship Eagle Galley. *Nevis William Webber* in Rose Briganteen. *Jamaica*, *John Bulkley* in Briganteen Abigail & Sarah, *Jeffery Bedgood* Sloop Two Brothers. Outward bound, *South-Carolina*, *Samuel Boyes* in Briganteen Susanna; *Barbadoes*, *Jacob Legay*, Mitchels Prize, *Jamaica*, *Barthòlomew Green* in Swan Briganteen.

Advertisements.

ON Fryday next the 18th. Currant at three a Clock in the afternoon will be exposed to Sale at the House of Mr. William Hill near the Dock in Boston, twenty nine half Barrels of Leaf, and 40 Rolls of Spun Tobacco. To be seen at Her Majesty's Custom-House in Office hours.

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128 Captain Andrew Willson: earlier captain of the ship 'Greyhound, employed in 1703 on the queen's service in guarding the coast against French privateers; and in 1704 in Colonel Benjamin Church's expedition against the French and Indians.

129 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 153, under date Jany 23 [1705/6]. Also, note 127, p. 284.

[Reprinted: advertisement of Peter Signiac, as in January 7; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 18, 1705.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 14. to Monday January 21. 1705, 6.

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[BEGINNING the first column of the first page of this issue is a dispatch "*From* the *Duke of* Marlborough's *Camp at* Vlierbeck *July* 20, N. S." giving the details of a battle near Hespen in the Spanish Netherlands, July 17 and 18, and including a list of the French and Bavarian officers and soldiers then captured, and the standards and colours taken. There is also the proclamation of the queen for a public thanksgiving. The domestic news is confined to less than half a column.]

Philadelphia, Jan. 1st. Thursday the 10th. Currant is the day appointed for Publick Thanksgiving, for the Signal Victory obtained by His Grace the Duke Marlborough, &c.

New-York Jan. 7th. Capts. Tongrelow & Peniston with great difficulty got to Sea the 26 th last. Christmas day being the Coldest that was ever felt here: Hudsons River was froze over and continued fast several days, the severe cold lasted three days.

On the 1st Instant arrived here the Ship N. York Merchant, Thomas Jeffers Master, came out of Plimouth 25 of October with the Virginia Fleet, under Convoy of 2 Men of War, and in Company with those for Boston.

To Morrow is appointed a Publick day of Thanksgiving for the Success of Her Majesties Arms, &c.

Outward bound, Wessels & Milburn for Antigua, Dunscum for Barbadoes, Wells & Stillwell for St. Thomas, Pitman for Curacoa and Rolland for Jamaica.

Boston, Last Week was very moderate Weather for the Season.

Cleared, Outwards for Virginia, Noah Chamne in Ship Endeavour, Nevis, Richard Butler Sloop Adventure; Madera, Fortune Redduck Sloop St. Christophers; Antigua, David Bucklin Brigt. Randol; Monserrat, Thomas Ball Sloop Elizabeth, and Samuel Edwards Briganteen William and Mary.

On the 20th Currant, Dyed here the Lady MARY PHIPPS,[130]

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130 Lady Mary Phips: widow of Sir William Phips. See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 153, under date Lord's Day, Jany 20. Also, same page, under date Jany 25th [1705/6].

Wife of Peter Seargent Esqr.[131] And also Mrs. Jane Pembrook,[132] Wife of Mr. Elkanah Pembrook.

Advertisement.

RAn-away from their Master Capt. Richard Petterson of South-Carolina about the latter end of Septemb. last, Three Negro Men Slaves, viz. Shippio, aged about 29 years, Jack about 17. and Jacob about 13 years old, and judged to be come to some of the Provinces to the Southward of the Massachusetts-Bay: Whosoever shall take up all or any of said Negro's, and him or them safely Convey or Transport to his or their said Master, or to Mr. Joseph Emmons of Boston, or give any true Intelligence of them, so as their Master may have them again, shall be sufficiently rewarded, and all reasonable charges paid besides.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 21. to Monday January 28 1705. 06

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[THIS issue begins with a letter from the Canary Islands, giving an account of the earthquakes on Teneriffe, December 24 – February 23, 1705, introduced with the following editorial paragraph:

"*In our Last we promis'd to return where we Left off, to carry on the Foreign Occurrences: But a most Remarkable Providence occurring to us, since we were on that of* April *last, we must yet beg leave of our Undertakers to give them the Account thereof in the same words as it is in the* Mercury *of said Month.*"

Other foreign news is from Hague, Vienna, Turin and Paris under June and July, 1705, dates. The domestic news is limited to two Boston items, and there are three advertisements.]

Boston, Capt. Brown from Wells, Capt. Tyng from Dunstable, and Capt. Stevens from Haveril, are Marched into the Woods with 40 Men each, and 15 days Provision, to Scout from Connecticut River to Sacho River, Forty Miles above the Heads of the Fronteers, to discover any Stragling Indians in the Woods.

Entered Foreign Inwards, Andrew Wilson, in Sarah Gally from B[o]nite. Cleared Outwards, for South Carolina, Jonathan Hunlock, in Stephen and Samuel. For Antigua, Nicholas Davison Brigt.

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131 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 154, under date Jany 26 [1705/6]. Also, p. 174, *note* 2, to entry Decr 18, 1706.

132 See Diary of Semuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 153, under date Tuesday Jany 22 [1705/6].

Welcome, Zachary Alden Ketch Merrimack, John Taylor in Sloop Kathrin & Ann. For Fyal, Jeremiah Tay in Brigt. John & Ann. Outward bound for Barbadoes, Mathew Vibert Ship Friends-Adventure, John Fisher, Sloop Blackthorn. For Jamaica, Joseph Pulsifer in Brigt. Sarah.

Advertisements.

THese are to give Notice unto all Persons that are Indebted unto John Childe of Boston Taylor, to repair unto his Shop at the North End of said Town, near Scarlet's Wharff; where Messeurs William Hobby and Francis Thresher Attorneys to the said Childe, will Attend on Tuesday and Fryday in every Week, until the first day of March next, to Adjust Accompts with the said Debtors: But upon their Neglect to meet the said Attorneys on the days, and in the time aforesaid, They must expect Lawfull Process to be made against them.

ON Thursday the 31st. Currant, at 5 a Clock in the afternoon, will be exposed to Sale by Inch of Candle[133] at the Coffee-House of Mr. Robert Guttridge in Boston, a Parcel of old Woolen Cards, about 22 dozen more or less, to be put up at 3 Shillings Per dozen; to advance 3 Pence each bidding, and to be seen at the Warehouse of Mr. John George Merchant, at the Dock.

ALL Persons in Town & Country may have this News-Letter every Week by the Year, upon reasonable Terms, agreeing with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same.

N. E. Numb. 94.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 28. to Monday February 4 1705, 6.

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[THIS issue is a four page folio, to accommodate the report of the meeting of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh, July 3, 1705, with the address of the queen, and the speeches of the duke of Argyle and the earl of Scofield. There are also dispatches from the military camps on the continent of Europe and from London, Paris, Venice, Dresden and elsewhere. One New York item and three Boston items comprise the domestic news, in all a half column.]

New-York, Jan. 21. We have had an extraordinary Season of warm weather for 12 days past. We hear from *Philadelphia*, that

133 See foot-note, News-Letter No. 8 *ante*, p. 90.

several of the *Virginia* Fleet were arrived in Putuxan River in Christmas week, and that 'tis believ'd all the Fleet are arrived.

Boston, The Week before last was Moderate Weather for the Season, Only on Wednesday the 23d. of January it Snow'd a little, Fryday the 25th. was very Cold, and Saturday more Moderate, about nine a clock at Night it began to Snow, and continued till about noon the first day of the last Week, when there fell a pritty deal of Snow. Tuesday and Wednesday last, we had a severe Easterly Storm of Snow, which fell very deep, and the Wind blow'd very hard all Tuesday Night, and till Wednesday Night.

On Tuesday night last, the 29th of January, John Coleburn of Dedham, went from Boston over the Neck, with his Teem in order to go Home, and it's judged he is lost in the Snow, his Sled, Horse and Cattle being found upon the Neck, but not himself.

Cleared Outwards, William Walters for Rhode-Island the Hannah and Ruth, Gill Belcher in Ship Tryal for South-Carolina.

Advertisements.

A Certain Person wants to Borrow at Interest a Hundred Pound upon good Security; any Person that has said Sum, or any greater or lesser to Lend, may repair to John Campbell Post-Master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: advertisement of attorneys for John Childe, as in January 28.]

N. E. Numb. 95.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 4. to Monday February 11. 1705, 6.

NY

[THREE and a half columns of foreign and a half column of domestic news make this issue, the foreign news being from Vienna, Dresden, Mechlin, Madrid, Paris, Hague and the imperial camp at Soncino.]

Lynn, Febr. 8. On *Tuesday* the 29th last, Mr. *Joseph Newhall*, our Representative in the General Court, was at *Salem;* and presuming to go home late at night, notwithstanding the Violence of the Storm of Snow; Wandered out of *Reading-Road*, which was his Way; and declining still to the Left-hand, cross'd *Boston* Road; and so perished between the *Butts* and the *Spring*-Pond.

Boston, Coasters Cleared Outwards, Samuel Dutch in Sloop Nightingal, for Piscataqua. Foreign Cleared Outwards, William Bevis in

Ship Peace, for Topsham in England. Outward Bound, Giles Fifield in Boston-Merchant, for Nevis.

John Coleburn mentioned in our Last to be Lost in the Storm of Snow, was found dead the 5th Instant, near to Mr. Ruggles's Barn at Roxbury.

Last Week was a moderate Thaw.

Advertisements.

ANy Person that wants to Borrow Money at Interest upon good Security, may Repair to John Campbell Post-Master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: advertisement of attorneys for John Childe, as first in January 28.]

A. E. Numb. 96.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday February 11. to Monday February 18. 1705, 6.

NY

[MORE than three columns of this two page issue are filled with foreign news. For the most part this is of July, 1705, dates, from Rome, Warsaw, Paris, Berlin, Hague, Turin, Zurich, Lisbon and other European capitals. There are detailed reports from the camp of the duke of Marlborough. The domestic news is meagre, relating principally to shipping.]

New-York, Febr. 4. Entered Outward Bound, Adolph for Rhode-Island, Manning for Jamaica, Capt. Jeffers and 2 or 3 more for London, Via Virginia, with Convoy.

Rhode-Island, Febr. 14. On the 9th Instant arrived here Capt. Benjamin Ellery from Curacoa, 4 weeks passage, who says, that there is a Fleet of French Men of War, consisting of 22 Sail come to Martinico, who were 30 Sail when they came out of France, but meeting with an English Squadron took 5 of them, the other 3 are missing, and they know not what is become of them. On the Fleets arrival at Martinico, they call'd in all their Privateers, but on what design not Known

Capt. Avery a Privateer Sloop of Curacoa took a French Privateer Briganteen of 90 men, and a Sloop of 80 men, & brought both in to Curacoa, where they were Sold at a Vandieu, the Owner that fitted them out at Petit-Guavus being there then a Trading, bought them both again.

Piscataqua, Febr 15. On Monday 11 Currant arrived here Samuel Dutch in a Sloop from Boston, having on Board the Hon. Col. Tho. Povey Esqr. Lieut. Gov. of Her Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, who intends on Thursday next to Imbark on Board Capt. Jarvenin for Lisbon, and so to England.

Boston, Coasters Entered Inwards, *Thomas Lothrop* in Sloop *Diamond* from the *Vineyard*. Foreign, *Nicholas Thomas Jones*, in Sloop *Industry*, from *N-Carolina*. Cleared Outwards, *Samuel Long*, Brig. *Sarah*, for *Jamaica*. Outward Bound for *London*, Capt. *Benjamin Gillam*, in Ship *Reward*. *New-York*, *Alexander Duncan*, Sloop *Friendship; Rhode-Island*, *John Lothrop*, Sloop *Diamond*. *Pensilvania*, *Eleazar Darby*, Sloop *Elizabeth*. *North Carolina*, *Ebenezar Coffin*, Sloop *Dolphin*. *Jamaica*, *Joseph Pulsifer*, Ship *William* and *Sarah*.

Last week the first 3 days of it we had a moderate Thaw, on Wednesday about noon it began to Rain, & continued till Fryday about noon, which has carried away the Snow off the Streets of Boston, where it lay very deep, that hardly the appearance of it is to be seen: Fryday night and Saturday we had a hard Frost.

Last week returned Capt. Brown, Capt. Tyng and Capt. Stevins with their Companies all well and in health after 17 days march into the Woods, 50 miles above the Heads of the Frontiers from between Connecticut River & Merrimack, in the late great Storm of Snow, but neither discovered nor met with any of the Enemy.

On Saturday the 16th Currant, His Excellency our Governour was pleased further to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province, that stood Prorogu'd to the last Wednesday of this Month, unto Wednesday the 10th of April next.

Advertisements.

ANy person that wants to put out a Child a Nursing on the Breast, may repair unto John Campbell Post-Master of Boston, and know further.

A Negro Man Slave about 21 years Old, speaks good English. To be Sold by Capt. Thomas Leasenby, and to be seen at his Housein the Back-street in the North-End of Boston, near to Mr. Hiller's.

A House Lott of Land on the South-side in School-House-Lane in Boston, opposite to Joseph Melims, containing 44 Foot Front, and 88 Foot Rear to be Sold on reasonable terms; Enquire of Mr. Isaac Biscum, Barber, near to the Old-Meeting-House, and know further.

ANy person that wants good Bills in Barbadoes for an Hundred Pound here in Boston: Inquire of John Campbell Post Master, and know further.

[Reprinted: money to loan, as in February 11.]

N. E. Numb. 97.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 18. to Monday February 25 1705, 6.

NY

[FOREIGN news of July and August, 1705, from London, Venice, Milan, Lisbon, Rome, Turin, Vienna, Hague, Hamburg and elsewhere, and from several of the military camps on the continent, occupy this four page issue to the almost complete exclusion of domestic news.]

Boston, On Wednesday the 20th. Currant, we had an Easterly Storm of Snow, Wind and Rain; The said day returned here Capt. William Rowse in a Briganteen from Port-Royal, who Sailed from hence the 29th. of December last, with some French Prisoners to be Exchanged for Ours; And he brought with him 17 English Prisoners.

Coaster, Cleared Outward, Nath. Loring for Connecticut. Foreign Cleared Outward for South Carolina, Samuel Boyce in Briganteen Susan. For St. Christophers, Thomas Clarke Sloop Endeavour, for Jamaica Bartholomew Green Briganteen Swan. Outward bound, Thomas Porter for St. Christophers in Sloop New-London.

Advertisements.

LAtely Published a Discourse concerning Earthquakes, occasioned by the Earthquakes which were in New-England, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay, June 16 And in Connecticut-Colony, June 22d. 1705. Also Two Sermons shewing that Sin is the greatest evil; and that to Redeem TIME is the greatest Wisdom: By the Reverend Mr Increase Mather. Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West-end of the Town-House in Boston.

GOod Barbadoes Rhum by the Hogshead or Tearse, to be Sold by Mr. Joseph Hiller at his House in the Back-street beyond the Mill-bridge in the North End of Boston near the upper end of Coney's-Lane.

ANegro Woman to be Sold by John Campbell, Post-Master, and to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor-Tavern in Boston. As also a parcel of very good Flax.

[Reprinted: house for sale, and Exchange bills for Barbadoes, as in February 18.]

N. E. Numb. 98.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 25. to Monday March 4 1705, 6.

NY

[A FOUR PAGE folio, more than three pages filled with foreign news, including an account of the meeting of the English Parliament; war dispatches, and reports from Yarmouth and other ports of a great storm and marine disasters.]

Plimouth, [Eng] *August* 12. On Friday night last we had a terrible Storm, in which several Merchant Ships were lost; part of which were, . . . *Owners Adventure*, Capt. *Stubbs* from Barbadoes; *Somerset*, Capt. *Wickstead*, from Barbadoes; with 3 or 4 others whose Names I cannot learn.

New-York, *Febr.* 18. This day arrived here a Briganteen from *Nevis*, in 15 days, *William Stanton* Master, by whom we have advice, that the King *William* Pacquet-Boat was arrived there (a few days before he Sailed) from *England* with the ill news of many of the Eastern Fleet being taken by a Squadron of Nine *French* Men of War, and 2 Privateers, Commanded by Monsieur St. *Paul*, their Convoy is said to be the *Greenwich*, *Jersey* and one other Man of War, who maintained a Fight of 8 hours with great Gallantry, but at last were obliged to submit to Number; in which action Monsieur St. *Paul* was killed.

We are further advised, that the *Martinico* Privateers are all gone to Tobago, where are expected 12 Men of War from *France* which with 3 at *Martinico* are to undertake some Enterprize.

They write from *Philadelphia*, that the Homeward bound *Virginia* Fleet for *England* are to Sail the latter end of *April* next, and that 2 more Men of War are expected there from *Lisbon*, to strengthen the Convoy: Two or three Vessels from hence design to take the opportunity of that Convoy. Capt. *Grevenraet* designs to Sail for *Boston* in a fortnight.

Hartford, *Feb.* 18. The late excessive Rains we have had, has occasioned a very great Flood, which would have been much greater, had not the Wind chop'd about to N. W. and notwithstanding, the like has not been this 14 or 15 years, we do not yet hear of much damage done by it.

Piscataqua, March 1. On Friday the 15th of *February* last, Capt *Jarvenin* Sailed from hence to *Lisbon.*

Marblehead, March 1. On *Wednesday* the 20th of *February* last, we had a Violent Storm, wherein we lost two of our Fishing Shallops, and four men out of one of them.

Boston, Coaster Entered Inward, *James Webber* from *Piscataqua*. Cleared Outward, *Daniel Wair* and *Anthony Bracket* for *Piscataqua; Alexander Duncan* Sloop *Friendship*, for *New York.* Outward bound for *London, John Wilde*, Ship *Dove, David Mason*, Ship, *William & Hannah;* for *Monserat, Thomas Taylor*, Briganteen *Experiment; Andrew Wager*, Sloop *Endeavour;* for *Barbadoes, Andrew Wilson, Sarah* Galley.

☞*This is to give Notice, that the Western Post, to* Connecticutt, New-York *and* Philadelphia *Sets out on Monday the 4th Currant, at 3 a Clock in the Afternoon, to return on Saturday next; and so to continue for once a week till* December; *he also carries with him the Southern Maile for* Rhode-Island.

Advertisements.

THE Tan-Yard lately in the Occupation of Capt. Bozoon Allen, where he lately dwelt near to the Prison in Boston, To be Lett on reasonable Terms: Enquire of John Campbell Post-master, and know further.

THe Christians Exercise by Satans Temptations: Or an Essay to discover the Methods which this Adversary useth to Tempt the Children of GOD; and to Direct them how to escape the mischief thereof; being the Substance of several Sermons Preached on that Subject, from that Text, 1 Chron. 21. 1. By the Reverend Mr. Samuel Willard.

As also a Sermon of Brotherly Love, Preached by him on the Lecture, from Heb. 13 1. Let Brotherly Love continue. Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston.

A Certain person wants a single able man to Drive a Teame in Boston; If any such will repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, they may have Encouragement for that Work.

A Negro Woman to be Sold by John Campbell, Post-Master, and to be seen at his House next door to the Anchor-Tavern in Boston.

LAst year the Undertaker of this Publick Print of Intelligence for both Foreign and Domestick Occurrences in Numb 51. gave you an Account of his Motive to Print, viz. To give a True Relation of Affairs, Remarkable Providences that occur'd, and to prevent a

great many false Reports of the same; As also a Specimen of the Trouble and Charge attending it, to which he still refers you: And now acquaints you, That notwithstanding at the Generous desire of several Gentlemen, Merchants and others who were willing to promote such a Publick Good, by Contributing this Second Year for its support, yet the Undertaker has not had a sufficient number to defray the Necessary Charge of it, by reason of a great many, as well, nay better able than some who do Contribute, that are so backward to promote so good a Publick Work; Whereas did every Town in this and the Neighbouring Provinces take but One a Week per. Annum, the Charge to some of them would not amount to 2d. a man, and to the most not above 4d. or 6d. where it goes by the Post, which if they did, would be a good Motive to carry it on: And were there a Competent number to take it, the Undertaker would be enabled to Print a Sheet instead of half a Sheet, and to settle Correspondents everywhere so as to have the Occurrences some Months sooner than Now they are, and to Polish the Print better which would make it far more acceptable than now it is; for want whereof the Undertaker cannot now do, as he would. Therefore all persons in Town and Country in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, who have not already paid according to Agreement for this Currant year for said Intelligence, are now desired to do it: And such who have a mind to encourage the supporting and carrying it on for a third year, are hereby Advertised by Word or Writting to Agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same, that before this second year (which ends the last of April next) is elapsed, it may be known, If it can be undertaken for the third year, which if encouraged to be continued that it drop not for 4 or 5 Weeks as it did in the beginning of this year, by reason of several Encouragers Postponing to take it at the beginning that afterwards did.[134]

N. E. **Numb.** 99.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** March 4. to **Monday** March 11. 1705, 6.

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[A FOUR PAGE sheet[135] of eight columns, over six of which are filled with foreign news, mostly concerning the war, from Berlin,

134 Although in this advertisement, as also again in the issue of March 25, Campbell asserts that the News-Letter was suspended for several weeks, that was not the fact. As the pages of this volume show, copies of the News-Letter for every week of 1705 and every week of 1706 to December 2 are now extant. Why Campbell should have made that statement cannot now be divined.

135 This enlargement to a full sheet would indicate that Campbell had

Paris and Vienna, of August, 1705, dates; and from the duke of Marlborough's camp at Ramee an account of the battle on the banks of the river Adda.]

Barbadoes, Novemb. 22d. Six days ago arrived here from *Nevis* Mr. *Samuel Frazon* Merchant, whom I formerly Wrote you was feared to be Lost in coming from on board a Man of War, a Storm rising drove them to Sea, where they lay driving 6 days, without any manner of Subsistance either Bread or Water; at last were drove on Shore at St. *Vincent*, where the Indians stript him naked as soon as he Landed: his two Sailours dyed in a little time after, but his Negro surviv'd the Calamity; Mr. *Frazon* continued in that condition 3 Months, at last the Indians carryed him over to *Martinico*, where he paid to the value of 17 or 18 Pistoles for his Ransom, but they would not let him redeem his Negro, but keeps him still: from *Martinico* he came to *Nevis*. At the same time another Boat with two Negro's drove off to Sea, and Landed the same day at St. *Vincent*.

New-York, March 4. On the 19th of *February* last arrived here a Sloop from St. *Thomas* in 14 days, *Samuel Martin* Master, by whom we are informed, that 14 Men of War Sailed from *France* for the *West-Indies*, but in or near the Chanel were separated by a Storm, & only 6 of them were arrived at *Martinico*, which are Sailed from thence to *Guardaloop* with 22 Privateers to take on Board Land Forces in order to attack the Leward-Islands; 'tis said had the 14 Men of War all arrived, their Design was against *Barbadoes*, and from thence to the other Islands, but 8 Ships being missing, they have wav'd that intention, and 'tis feared the Leward-Islands are in danger. It is reported the 8 *French* Men of War that are missing are taken by a Squadron of *English* (I wish it prove so) but of this we have no positive account.

Capt. *Gincks* in the Privateer Briganteen *Dragon* (who Sailed from hence last Fall with upwards of 130 able men) off *Porto Rico* Engaged 2 *French* Privateers, the Trampoose and another Sloop, and had taken them had they not run, and having received damage in his Rigging & Sails could not follow them, the *French* Privateers got into St. *Thomas* being much shatter'd, and several men killed and wounded. The Privateer which boarded Capt. *Andrew Wilson* of *Boston*, mentioned in your News-Letter Numb. 91 was also at St. *Thomas's*, and acknowledges *Wilson* killed him 22 men.

The *English* daily Courants of *October* informs us, That not the

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received the encouragement which he asked, that would enable him to "print a sheet instead of half a sheet." See his advertisement in March 4. Later appeals, however, show that he did not obtain the desired support. With the issue of March 18 a return is made to the half sheet size.

Greenwich and *Jersey* mentioned in my last to be the Convoys of the Eastland Fleet attacked by 9 *French* Men of War and 2 Privateers, commanded by Monsieur St. *Paul*, but that it was the *Pendennis*, *Blackwell* and another Man of War, who made a brave resistance e're they were taken, wherein Monsieur St. *Paul* was kill'd, and 200 of his Ships Crew. [Then are printed several other foreign news items.]

There are Outward bound 3 Vessels for St. *Thomas*, 1 for *Barbadoes*, 1 for *Nevis*, 3 for *London*, *via Virginia*.

Watertown, *March* 6. The middle Precinct, Mr. *Daniel Warren* of this Town, aged about 80 years, being well and in health at Meeting on the Lords-Day the 24th of *February* last, just before the beginning of the Morning Exercise, he suddenly sunk down dead.

Hampton, *March* 8. On Fryday the 1st. Currant a sad accident fell out here, a Man falling a Tree, it fell upon one of his own Sons of about 7 years old, his Fathers darling, and dash'd him to pieces, so that he never spake or stirr'd more.

Rhode-Island, *March* 8. Yesterday arrived here *Robert Smith* in Briganteen Dragon, from *Surranam* 11 weeks passage, who lost all his Horses in going there, he and his men were near perishing for want of Water, having 13 Weeks passage to *Surranam*. This day arrived here *Loring* and *Duncan* from *Boston*.

Boston, *Abel Jones* from *Jamaica* came from Blewfields last, had about 8 weeks passage, brings no News.

Coasters Entered Outward, *James Webber* for *Piscataqua*, *John Lothrop* for *Rhode-Island*. Foreign Inwards, *Abel Jones* in Briganteen *Amity* from *Jamaica*. Cleared Outwards, *Joseph Foy*. *Dwaal* Frigot, for *Barbadoes*, *Ebenezar Parker* Sloop *Dolphin* for *Bermuda*, *James Gold* Sloop *Hopewell* for *Pensilvania*, *Joseph Berrey* Sloop *New-London*, for St. *Christophers*, *Joseph Johnson* Sloop *Elizabeth* for *Salem* in *New-Jersey*. Outward Bound, *Stephen Pain* in Ketch *Martha* for *Tercera*, *John Tucker* in Sloop *Hope*, for *Roanoke*, *Solomon Gardner* Sloop *Mary*, for *Newfoundland*, *Job Hilliard* Ketch *Adventure*, for *Fyall*.

Advertisements.

A Certain Tract of Land in Kittery in the Province of Main in New-England, near to Capt. Ichabod Plaisted's, containing 110 Acres, borders on Piscataqua River, having on it two good Orchards, a good quantity of fresh Meadow, and good Oak and Pine Timber. To be Sold by Thomas Short at the Printing-House in the South End of Boston.

A Negro Woman Aged about 24 years of Age to be Sold by Mr. Peter Barbour Tailour near the Town-House in Boston.

GOod Wine Vinegar very cheap, to be Sold by Joseph Maylim at his House in School-house Lane in Boston.

MAgnalia Christi Americana: Or, The Ecclesiastical History of New-England, from its first Planting in the year 1620, unto the year of our Lord, 1698, in Folio, containing 820 Pages, in 7 Books 1. Antiquities in 7 Chapters, with an Appendix 2. Containing the Lives of the Govouernours, & Names of the Magistrates of N. England, in 13 Chapters, with an Appendix. 3 The Lives of 60 famous Divines, by whose Ministry the Churches of New-England have been planted and continued. 4. An Account of the University of Cambridge in New-England, in Two parts. The first contains the Lives, the Benefactors, and Vicissitudes of Harvard College, with remarks upon it. The Second part contains the Lives of some Eminent Persons Educated in it. 5. Acts and Monuments of the Faith and Order in the Churches of New-England, passed in their Synods; with Historical Remarks upon those Venerable Assemblies; and a great Variety of Church Cases occurring, and resolved by the Synods of those Churches; in four Parts. 6. A Faithful Record of many Illustrious, Wonderful Providences, both of Mercies and Judgments, on divers Persons in New-England; in 8 Chapters. 7. The Wars of the Lord. Being an History of the Manifold Afflictions & Disturbances of the Churches in New-England, from their Various Adversaries, and the Wonderful Methods and Mercies of GOD in their Deliverance; in 6 Chapters. To which is Subjoyned, An Appendix of Remarkable Occurrences which New-England had in the Wars with the Indian Salvages, from the year 1688 to the year 1698. By the Reverend and Learned Cotton Mather, M. A. and Pastor of the North Church in Boston, New-England. To be Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston: Price 20s.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday March 11. to Monday March 18. 1705, 6.

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[THREE of the four columns of this issue are filled with foreign news which includes an account of the siege and capture of the town of Leuwe, August 28–September 7, 1705, sent from the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Tirlemont; and also dispatches from Constantinople, Madrid, Vienna, Hamburgh and Hague.]

Jamaica, Febr. 6. There is arrived here from *Boston, John Ventiman*, and *John Welsh*, and *Thomas Pemberton* from *Rhode-Island*, who sprung his Mast in the Voyage.

One *Cebra* Sailed 4 days ago for *New York*. And this day Sails for *London*, 3 Merchant men, *viz.* the *Gold-Frigot*, the *Dolphin*, and *Maremaid;* for *Boston, Jonathan Armitage, John Pitts*, and *Thomas Hunt*, the last whereof sprung a Leak and returned again; *William Goddard* in a Briganteen Sailed also for St. *George's*.

Her Majesties Ship the *Experiment* bound from *Jamaica* to *Barbadoes* met with a *French* Merchant-man of 200 Tuns, loaden with Cocoa, and brought her in here.

About the latter end of *Jan.* last, Her Majesties Ship the *Bristol* and *Folston* met with 10 Sail of Merchant-men bound from *Petiguavus* to *France* under Convoy of Two *French* Men of War of 24 and 30 Guns a piece out of which Capt. *Anderson* Commadore of the *English* took 6 *French* Merchant men Loaden with Sugar, Cocoa, Cochenile and Indigo, which were brought in here. And upon their Arrival a Court of Admiralty was held by Admiral *Whetstone*, who took Capt. *Anderson's* and the Officers Commissions from them, for not Engaging the Two *French* Men of War and the other Ships, and has reserved them for a further Tryal in *England*.

A *Dutch* Privateer of *Curacoa* brought in here a *French* Prize Sloop, who gave an Account of 14 Sail arrived from *France* at *Martinico*, whereof some are Merchant-men, and Fireships and Tenders.

New-York, *March* 11. On the 10th Instant, arrived here a Ship from *Jamaica* in 28 days, one *Mears* Master, who belongs to *Boston*.

Capt. *Ginks* with a small *Dutch* Privateer in Consort from Curacoa, has taken a French Privateer, and two very good Prizes, and carried them in to *Jamaica*.

Hampton, March 15 On Tuesday the 12th Currant, a considerable parcel of very good fresh Oranges, some whole, some broken, were Cast ashore upon our Beach for some miles together, since which is come ashore a Cane, and a carved Lion, whereby we are afraid of some Vessel inward bound being Lost.

Boston, Monday the 11th. Instant being the Annual Election-day for Town-Officers, There was chosen to Serve as Select or Townsmen, Messieurs* Timothy Thornton, Daniel Oliver, John Barnard, Thomas Fitch, Thomas Jackson, Daniel Pounding, Thomas Cushing, *Samuel Greenwood, and Joseph Prout, who is also Town Clerk, and Town Treasurer.

Those that have this Mark * before their Names are New Officers. [136]

136 In the Boston Town Records, Pounding appears Powning; Barnard, Barnerd.

In our Number 49. we gave you the preceding years Bill of Mortality; and in this we give you last years Bill of the Persons Buryed in the Town of Boston, besides those who dyed abroad, many of the Inhabitants of Boston being Seafaring men, are not Reckoned in this Catalogue.

March	14	July	29	November	15	70
April	18	August	31	December	18	102
May	18	September	24	January	16	66
June	20	October	18	February	17	—
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Coaster Entered Inward, *Carteret Gillam* in Sloop *Tryal* from *Connecticut.* Foreign Inward, *William Rowlson* Sloop *Elizabeth*, from *Axuma*, *Jonathan Armitage*, in Brigt. 3 Sisters, from *Jamaica.* Cleared Outward, *Joseph Pulsifer*, Ship *William* and *Sarah*, for *Jamaica; Stephen Paine*, Ketch *Martha*, for *Tercera; Jacob Legay*, *Mitchel's* Prize, and *Matthew Vibert*, *Friends* Adventure, for *Barbadoes.* Outward Bound, *John Waters*, Ship *Betty*, for *Barbadoes; Archibald Ferguson*, Sloop *Flying Horse*, for *Newfoundland; John Charnock*, Ship *Society*, for *Jamaica; William Blair*, Briganteen *John Abiel*, for *England; James Smith* Ship *America*, for *Leward Islands.*

Advertisements.

ANy Person that wants to bind out a Lad or Lads to learn the Trade of a Man or Womans Tailour, let them repair to John Campbell Postmaster in Boston, who will help them to a good Master.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold by John Campbell; as in March 4.]

N. E. **Numb.** 101.

The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** March 18. to **Monday** March 25. 1706

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[AN unusual amount of foreign news compelled the enlargement of this issue to four pages or eight columns, only one of which is reserved for domestic items and advertisements. There are sixty-six foreign items, chiefly of war news from London, Paris, Venice, Vienna, Rome, Madrid, Hamburgh, Turin, Zurich, Lisbon, Hague and elsewhere of preceding August, September, October, November and December dates.]

Boston, On the 18th Currant arrived here a Sloop in 14 days from *Barmuda*, *John Stevins* Master, who says, That just as he was coming away, there arrived one *Fowles* in a Sloop from *Antigua*, 14 days passage, who informed that when he left *Antigua*, he saw about 36 sail of *French* Ships and other Vessels off that Island; And that Colonel *Johnson*, Commander in Chief was preparing for the Defence of the Island, in case of an Attack; the Inhabitants were in Arms, and that 500 Negroes well Armed were Marched into St. *Johns;* The Commander in Chief Encouraged them to prove themselves men in Fighting to defend themselves and the place from the Enemy, which they promised to do.

Master *Stevins* further says, that there was a Sloop arrived at *Barmuda* from *Barbadoes* about a Month ere he came from thence, that informed of a large Ship, with 6 or 7 more just going in to *Barbadoes* as the Sloop came out, who is thought to be the *Deptford* Man of War that went from hence, with part of the Fleet under her Convoy.

On Fryday the 22*d*. Arrived here Capt. *Michael Gill*[137] from *Lisbon*, about 5 Weeks passage, by whom we have the following Advice by Prints and Letters. [Here follow two columns of foreign news, among which under date of London, Decemb. 21. is this item; "*Ordered that the Commissioners of Trade, do lay before this House a State of the Trade with* Newfoundland *and the* Western-Islands."]

The Oranges mentioned in our last to be found on *Hampton* Beach, were some hove Overboard in *Ipswich* Bay by *Rowlson* from *Axuma*, and the Carved Lyon and Cane had been there a year before, which thro' a mistake of our Informers was said to come then ashore.

On Thursday night last, Sampson Waters, a Young man went well to Bed, and was found dead next morning.

Coasters Inward, *Giles Hall* from *Connecticut*, & *Joseph Allen* from *Piscataqua*. Foreign Inward, *John Leigh*, Ship *Sarah*, from *Liverpool*, *John Stevins*, Sloop *Mary Rose* from *Nevis*, *Thomas Hunt*, Sloop *Panther*, *John Welch*, Sloop *Larke*, and *Matthew Soley* Sloop *Rebecca*, from *Jamaica; Richard Dafforne*, Ketch *Fisher*, from *Virginia*, and Capt. *Michael Gill*, Ship *John* and *Timothy*, from *Lisbon*. Cleared Outwards for *Barbadoes*, *John Fisher*, Sloop *Blackthorne*, *John Walters* Sloop *Betty*, *Lewis Hunt*, Ship *Victory*, for *Jamaica*, *Nathaniel Balston*, *Elizabeth* and *Mary*, for *London*, *John Wild* Ship *Dove*, for *Newfoundland*, *Solomon Gardner*, Sloop *Mary*. Outward Bound for *Barbadoes*, *John Welch* in Sloop *Larke*.

New-York, March 18. On the 13th arrived here one Santford in

137 A graphic account of Captain Gill's sea fight in the harbor of St. Johns, Newfoundland in August, 1704, is in the News-Letter No. 25, p. 130 *ante*.

a Sloop from South-Carolina, who says, a Sloop and Ship belonging to Boston was there, Flint & (I suppose) Wing Masters: A Vessel arrived there from Barbadoes gave account, That the French Fleet in the West-Indies were gone to attack S. Christophers'.[138]

On the same day arrived Capt. Basset from Madera, who left it the 4th of February, and just before he Sailed a Galley arrived there from Portsmouth a very short passage, . . . Four days before Cap. Basset came in, he spoke with a Ship from Jamaica bound to Boston.

Several Vessels Outward Bound for Nevis, Jamaica, & 3 for London Via Virginia; Gravenraet, Adolph and Duncan for Boston.

Rhode-Island, March 22. On the 18th arrived Ephraim Breed in a Bark from Providence, who 10 days ago spoke with a Sloop from Jamaica bound to New-York, who said that the Packet-Boat from Spain was taken and brought in to Jamaica, and by Letters found on Board her, they perceived that there was a French Squadron coming out to take Jamaica, who were preparing themselves to receive them.

Gould, Darby & Carter are gone to the Westward, Lathrop is still here.

Advertisements.

GOod Share Moulds to be Sold by Mr. Nathaniel Ayres at his Shop near the Salutation at the North-End of Boston.

THis Publick Print of Intelligence is to be continued to the first of May next, and all Persons who have a mind that the Undertaker should carry it on a third year, and are willing to Contribute for promoting such a Publick good, are hereby desired to Agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same, that it may be known before the first of May, If any Tollerable Competent number do Agree to take it, so as it can be proceeded on of New, that it drop not for 4 or 5 Weeks, as it did in the beginning of this Currant year, by reason of several delaying to take it at first, that afterwards did agree to have it.[139]

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138 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 561, in connection with an account of the cause and nature of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567. See News-Letter Nos. 103, 104 (account of the attack on St. Christopher), 105, ("Brief" of Governor Dudley recommending aid for the sufferers at St. Christopher), 107, 108, 109 *post*. This was the fleet commanded by the Sieur d'Iberville, who, after operating in the West Indies, purposed, as his men divulged at Jamaica, to attack New York, thus occasioning a hurried fortification of that city, and also some preparation for resistance in New England. See News-Letter Nos. 110 and 111 *post*. Also, see Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, page 157, under date Apr. 4, 1706.

139 See News-Letter No. 98 *ante*, foot-note, p. 295.

[Reprinted: tailor's apprentice wanted, as in March 18; man wanted to drive a team, as in March 4.]

N. E. Numb. 102.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday March 25. to Monday April 1. 1706.

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[A RETURN is made to the two page folio. The foreign news which fills all but about three quarters of a column includes principally a page account of the opening of the English Parliament in the preceding October and a report of the queen's speech on that occasion.]

London, Decemb. 25 The Adventure of and for *London* and the Providence of *Topsham* from *Boston* in *N. England*, arrived at *Plymouth* the 20th Instant, having been separated 14 days before in bad weather from 8 Sail more under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the Guernsey.

London, Jan. 1. Her Majesties Ship the *Guernsey*, with the Vessels under her Convoy from *Boston* are safe arrived except *Stone* and *Lowder*. There is also arrived at *Bristol* from *New-York*, 2 of Her Majesties Ships of War, but none of the Vessels under their Convoy. The Mast Fleet for *New England* will Sail in 3 months.

New-York, March 25. On the 19th arrived Capt. Dehart in the Ship Katherine from Madera.

On the 21st arrived Capt. Plummer in a Brigt. from Barmudas in 20 days, who came from Bristol in Octob. last bound hither, but was blown off the Coast, by whom we are acquainted that a Sloop arrived at Barmuda from Antigua, who saw the French Fleet consisting of 36 Sail off that Island, and that there was upwards of 2000 men on Antigua that were in Arms ready to defend themselves if attacked. That Capts. Tongrelow & Penniston who Sailed from hence last Christmas were arrived at Barmuda, & gone from thence to Barbadoes; Cap. Penniston overset at Barmuda, whereby he lost 5 Guns & damnified his Powder. That a French Ship was brought in to Barmuda by a Privateer of that Island, of 2 Guns & 17 men, loaden with Sugar; she is a Ship of 120 Tuns, & one of 6 that was bound from Martinico to France; A Dutch Man of War took 3 of them before; The Prize is daily expected here with her Loading to be Sold: The Capt. of the French Ship is said to be a Protestant, and is come a Passenger in Plummer.

On the 23d Instant arrived one Braddick in a Sloop from Madera, who 3 weeks ago met with a Bermuda Sloop who had been 9 days out of Antigua, who said that she & 2 other Vessels that lay in one of the Harbours slipt their Cables and put to Sea. The French Fleet of 36 Sails separated themselves, and put into several Harbours of that Island, but could not tell if they Landed or not, but says, that there was 2500 men in Arms at Antigua, & 800 Negro's ready to defend it against any Attack of the Enemy.

On the 24 Arrived James Cebra from Jamaica in a Sloop.

The Philadelphia Post not yet come in.

New-port, Rhode-Island. March 28. Yesterday died Mr. Alexander Gordon of this Town.

Scituate, March 27 On Fryday the 22d Instant, Dyed the Reverend Mr. *Jeremiah Cushing*, Minister of the Lower Precinct of this Town, aged about 51. Who was interr'd on Monday last.

On Fryday also *John Turner* of this Town went well from Home with his Cart and Oxen after Dinner, and fell ill, he desired the little boy his Son that went with him, to go and call his Mother, but ere she came, he was Speechless, and being carried Home, he Dyed that Evening about Eight of the Clock.

Boston, At a Town-Meeting on Fryday last, There was Chosen as Overseers of the Poor; *Simeon Stoddard*, *Thomas Palmer*, Esqrs and Messieurs, *John Borland*, *John Pitts*, *Henry Deering*, *Francis Clarke* and *William Westead*. And Chosen 'as *Assessors*, *Samuel Lyndes* Esq Capts. *Timothy Clark* and *Thomas Hutchinson;* and Messieurs, *Isaiah Tay*, and *James Barns*.[140]

By way of *New-York* we are acquainted, that Mr. *Stantford* from *South Carolina* informs of one *Everton* of Boston being arrived there from Barbadoes, who says that Her Majesty's Ship the Deptford was arrived at Barbadoes from Boston, with the Vessels under her Convoy all safe.

Coaster Entered Inward, *Ebenezar Coffin*, Sloop *Ann*, from *Nantucket*. Outward, *Flood* for *Piscataqua; James Blin*, *John Hedge* and *Thomas Lathrop*, for *Connecticut*. Foreign Inward, *James Dean*, Brigt. *Dragon* from *Suranam*. Cleared Outward, *John Welch*, Sloop *Larke*, for *Barbadoes*, and *Archibald Ferguson*, Sloop *Flying Horse*, for *Newfoundland*. Outward Bound, *Robert Sears*, Ship *Charles*, for *London; William Smallage*, Sloop *Prosperous*, for *Jersey; John Pitts*, Sloop *Rebecca*, for *Jamaica; John Leigh*, Ship *Sarah*,

140 In the Boston Town Records, Deering appears Dering; Clarke, Clark; Westead, Welsteed; Lyndes, Lynd; Barns, Barnes.

for *Liverpool; Eleazar Moses*, Sloop *Content*, for *Newfoundland; Richard Hall*, Sloop *Lyon*, for *Barmuda.*

[No advertisements in this issue.]

N. E. Numb. 103.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 1. to Monday April 8. 1706.

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[PROMINENCE is given on the first page of this issue to a proclamation of Governor Dudley for a General Fast, and then there follow a little more than one and a half columns of foreign news from Vienna, Turin, Frankfort and elsewhere, of preceding September dates.]

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY*, Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts*-Bay and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England.*

A PROCLAMATION for a GENERAL FAST.

H*Aving lately rendred all Humble Thanks and Praises to Almighty GOD for the Publick Blessings to Her Majesty, The Confederate Princes, and these Provinces, in Obedience to Her Majesties Especial command: And having yet the Consideration of the Great Troubles of* Europe, *by the continuance of the War with the common Enemy of the Repose of the* Christian Nations; *as well as our Own and our Neighbours Troubles with the* French *and* Indians; *and the Just Reason we have therefore to Implore the Divine Favour, for the Remission of our Great and Manifold Sins, that have justly displeased GOD.*

I*Have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Appoint and Order, That* Thursday *the* Eighteenth *day of* April *Currant, be Solemnized as a day of Publick* FASTING and PRAYER *throughout these Provinces, Exhorting both Ministers and People in their several Assemblies, Religiously to attend the Solemn Services of the said Day; That by a sincere Repentance and steady Affiance in the Divine Mercy in their most humble Adresses, They may Obtain from* GOD, *That our Soveraign Lady the* QUEEN, *with the Nations and Territories under Her Happy Government, may always be under the Protection of Heaven, Her Majesties* Life *and* Government *long continued,* Her Counsels *and* Just Arms *prospered; the Designs of the barbarous* Salvages *against Us, defeated;* Our Exposed Plantations *preserved; And the poor* Christian Captives *in their Hands, returned;*

That the Government *of these Provinces may have the Divine Direction in all their Administrations; That* Health *may be continued,* and *the Ensuing Year Crowned with the Fruits of Divine Bounty; That Deliverance may speedily arise to the* Church of God *oppressed with the Tyranny of* Antichrist; *That every kind of* Peace *and* Prosperity *may be given and secured to Us and our Posterity, upon the firm and lasting foundations of the Divine Blessing & Favour.*

And all Servile Labour upon the said Day is Inhibited.

Given at the Council-Chamber in *Boston*, the Second Day of *April*, 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England, Scotland, France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith *&c.*

By Order of the Gover-
nour and Council, *J. DUDLEY.*
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Madera, January 20. We are acquainted by a Vessel 12 days Passage from *England*, that the *Leuwe* Man of War, Convoy to the Homeward Bound *Newfoundland* Fleet, was Lost going thorow the Needles, and 40 Men drowned.

Jamaica, Febr. 1. Our last Packet from *England* advise us, that the Queen *Ann*, the *Anna* Frigot, the *Happy Return*, and 2 more Ships, being part of the Homeward bound Fleet from hence to *England*, (that were separated in the violent Storm on the 18th of *August* last, that the said Fleet met with in Lat. 38.) were Arrived in *Ireland* and *Plimouth*.

New-York, April 1. There are 4 Sloops and A Brigt. bound for Jamaica, Duncan and Adolph for Boston, and Hicks for Rhode-Island, Gravenraet Sailed for Boston on Thursday last; We have no certain Account when the Fleet for Engl. will Sail from Virginia.

Rhode-Island, April 5. This day arrived here Benj Cranston 6 weeks passage from Suranam, who sprung his Mast, & was forced to St. Christophers, where he arrived 7 days after the French Fleet had left it; They consisted of 4 Men of War, some of them 70 Gun Ships, and 28 Sail of Privateers, the Enemy Landed 3000 men; there was but 500 English to resist them, who did the best they could, and kept to their Forts; but sent several Parties out, who kill'd several of the Enemy, and the English lost but one man; the Enemy stayed there 4 days, who took the whole place, except the Forts, which they never Attacked: They did all the Damage they could, by burning the Towns, Mills and Canes, kill'd Horse and Cattle, and carryed away several Negroes. Before the Enemy went to St Christophers,

they lay two days at Nevis Battering there, but durst not Land; they never Attacked Antigua, only came in sight of it, and so went by Montserrat to St. Christophers. The Privateers quarrelled with the Men of War, because they did not Batter the Forts: It is supposed that the Enemy design next for Curacoa. They daily expect from England a Fleet of 18 Sail at the Leward Islands to Attack Martinico. As Mr. Cranston left St. Christophers he saw a Vessel which he judged to be a Packet from England.[141]

Boston, On Wednesday the 10th Currant, Sits the General Assembly of this Province; to which day the said Court stands Prorogu'd.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Richard Christophers*, *John Smith*, and *John Walker* from *Connecticut; Daniel Wair* from *Piscataqua; Thomas Lothrop*, and *Nathaniel Gardner*, from *Nantucket; William Rhodes* from *Rhode-Island;* and *Alexander Duncan* from *New-York*. Outward, *Anthony Bracket* for *Piscataqua; William Smallage* for *New-Jersey*. Foreign Inwards, *John Wallis*, Ketch *John* and *Deborah*, from *Virginia; Joseph English*, Sloop *Industry*, from *South-Carolina*. Cleared Outward, *Giles Hall*, Sloop *Lyon*, for *Barmuda*. Outward Bound for *Tercera*, *Samuel Carey*, Brigt *Three Sisters; Suranam*, *Edward Holloway* in *Dragon; Fyall*, *William Rowlson*, *Elizabeth;* and *Moses Wadland*, Sloop *Seaflower; New-York*, *Samuel Darby*, Sloop *Flying Hart; Jamaica*, *Thomas Hunt*, Sloop *Panther*.

Advertisement.

[Reprinted: man wanted to drive a team, as in March 4.]

N. E. **Numb.** 104.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** April 8. to **Monday** April 15. 1706.

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[THIS issue, a four page folio, is largely filled with news of military operations in Spain. On the first page are manifestoes issued by Prince Charles of Austria, here designated as King Charles of Spain, and of the earl of Peterborough at the head of their troops before Barcelona. There is also an extract from a letter of Sir Cloudsly Shovel, on board the man-of-war Britannia, October 22, relating to the capture of Barcelona, and a letter from Prince Charles on the same subject. On the third page are communications from the junta of the military camp of Catalonia, and from the city of

141 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 565, in account of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567.

Vich thanking the queen of England for the assistance given to the Spanish cause by the English forces. On the same page is the letter of the earl of Peterborough to the queen, dated Barcelona, reporting the capture of that city. From Hague, September 29, is a report of the consideration of plans for settling the differences between the States of the Dutch Republic and the Pope of Rome. Domestic news and advertisements fill the two columns of the last page.]

St. *Christophers*, *March* 8. Having had Intelligence of a *French* Fleet designing to attack some of the Leward Islands, 13 Sail of Vessels appearing in sight of *Antigua* the 29th of *January* last, caused an Alarm, but the next day 30 Sail appearing, gave assurance 'twas the *French*, and by their actions were designed to Land on that Island; two Sloops were sent out to discover the strength and designs of the Enemy, one of which exchanged several Shot with one of the *French* Privateers, most of the small Vessels came within a League of *Five-Island* Harbour, and some within the outwardmost Island, the Wind blowing strong Northerly, the great Ships could not come to Windward; in this posture they lay till the 3d day at noon, during which time the Commander in Chief (Col. *John Johnson*) had in Arms about 1000 of the Inhabitants, 2 Companies of the Queen's Soldiers, about 300 Marines, & 250 Negroes, in all about 2000 men, with which he designed to meet the Enemy at Landing: The *Grayhound* Man of War lay then on the Careen, and her Guns ashore, and the Captain brought his men ashore to joyn the Forces there.

The Wind still blowing very hard, about noon the 3d day the Enemy's Commadore fired a Gun, & their whole Fleet went before the Wind to *Nevis*, where they arrived the 5th of *February*, & presumed to Land, but the Wind blowing hard caused a great Sea, which hindered their designs, the *English* lying in their Trenches ready to receive them in case of their Landing, sundry shot from the Fleet were sent on shore, some of which 24 Pounders; they Landed in the night a *French* man and a Negro, who were to burn the Canes, thinking we should leave our Trenches to extinguish the Fire, that they might have an opportunity to Land without any repulse, and accordingly they burnt about 80 Acres of Canes, but our men would not hazard the loss of the Island by deserting the Trenches for any sinister end; a small party was detached to look for the two men aforesaid, which were both found, & after Examination and Tryal were hang'd.

The Enemy finding it impossible for them to Land at *Nevis*, they went for St. *Christophers*, where they arrived the 10th of *February* at night, and Landed at three several places of the Island, and ranged from end to end, most of the Houses, Canes and Mills on the South-side are burnt, the North-side escaped, all but 5 or 6 Plantations ruin'd. The Enemy carried away some Negroes, the Loss sustained

is considerable; our two Garisons of *Charles* Fort, and *Brimstone*-Hill were never attacked.

The General being in *Antigua* sent several Expresses to *Barbadoes* for Assistance; accordingly two Men of War came down to our relief, the *French* having notice of it on the 16th by an Express from *Martinico*, and supposing greater strength would follow, went away in great confusion. The Enemy's strength consisted of three 66 Gun Ships, 1 of 60, 1 of 58, 1 of 36, and 1 of 24 Guns, 4 Briganteens, and 21 Sloops, and near 3500 Men. From St. *Christophers* the 6 Men of War went for *Tobago*, and the rest for *Guardilope*. During these Alarms our Flag of Truce for Exchange of Prisoners was detained at *Martinico*, who gave an Account at her arrival in *Antigua*, that a Sloop from *France* to *Martinico* arrived some time before they Sailed, who said, that 8 Sail of Men of War Sailed from *Brest* two days before him, who were daily expected, and that their design was if possible, to take all the *English* Islands in the *West-Indies*.

The last Pacquet gave us an Account of Admiral *Wishart's* designing to stop at these Islands with 15 Sail of *English* and *Dutch* Men of War from *England* in their way to *Jamaica*, of whose arrival we are much desirous, being at present under seeming dangerous Circumstances. An Embargo hath continued since the 29th of *January*, and Masters and men in case of any Alarm are to leave their Vessels, and joyn the Land Forces, Strangers to be fitted with Arms and Ammunition by the Publick, and to have 18 *d. per* day during their Service, and in case of loss of any Limb, to have *Eighteen Pound 15 s. per Annum* during Life. [142]

The *New-England* Fleet under Convoy of Her Majestys Ship the *Deptford* were arrived in *Barbadoes*, *Antigua*, and the rest of the Leward-Islands, except *Barnes* in a Sloop, who was taken and carried into *Martinico*. The Embargo on said Fleet (it's thought) will hinder most of them from going to *Saltertuda*.

A Sloop from *Virginia* to *Antigua*, in Lat. of said Island, found a Ship overset, with all her Masts, Sailes and Yards standing; (he being short of Provisions, his men were unwilling to go on Board her) & it's thought to be a *New-England* Vessel Loaden with Lumber.

Several Vessels now at *Nevis* and St. *Christophers*, will Sail in 14 days to the Northward, most for *New-England*.

New-York, April 8. We are advised from Philadelphia, that if the Men of War expected in Virginia do not arrive, the Homeward bound

142 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 565, in connection with account of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567. See News-Letter Nos. 105, 107, 108, 109 *post*.

Fleet for England will Sail the latter end of this Month, or the first of May, most of the Ships being ready; And that if the Men of War do arrive before that time, their Orders are to tarry 20 days after their arrival, and no longer.

Our Vessels Outward bound to the Leward Islands will not Sail till we hear further of the French Fleet. Capt. Mears is Entered Outward for Jamaica.

Salem, April 13. On Tuesday last, Laurence Mazory of this Town, aged about 70 years, went out a Fishing, and was struck down with Death at his Fishing Line.

Boston, Abraham Hill in a Sloop from Antigua is arrived at Martha's-Vineyard, who last Fall came from Newfoundland bound hither, but was blown off the Coast, and put into Antigua, where Mr. William Charters of Charlestown Merchant, a Passenger on Board her, died.

On Fryday the 12th Currant, His Excellency Dissolved the General Assembly of this Province.

Coasters Entered Inward, *Flood* and *Jackson* from *Piscataqua.* Outward for *Rhode-Island, William Rhodes* and *Francis James*, for *Martha's-Vineyard, Thomas Lothrop;* for *Connecticut, Moses Wadland;* for *Nantucket Nathaniel Gardner.* Foreign Inwards, *Ephraim Breed*, Ship *Seaflower*, from *Jamaica; Andrew Gravenraedt*, Sloop *Ann*, from *New-York; Richard Ingesol*, Sloop *Seaflower*, from *Surranam.* Cleared Outwards, *John Leigh*, Ship *Sarah*, for *Beau-Moris* in *England; Giles Fyfield*, Ship *Boston*-Merchant, and *Joseph Flint*, Ship Prudent *Hannah*, for *Antigua.* Outward Bound for *NewYork, John Grose*, Sloop *Mary;* for *Nevis, John Stevins*, Sloop *Mary Rose;* for *Newfoundland, William Carket*, Sloop *Friends Adventure*, and *John White*, Ketch *Fisher;* for *Barbadoes, Thomas Ruck*, Briganteen *Fraternity*, and *William Thomas*, Briganteen *Amity;* for *Fyall, John Hoddy*, Briganteen *Adventure.*[143]

Advertisements.

A Copper Still containing about 62 Gallons, with Worm & Worm-top, to be Sold; Enquire of John Campbell Postmaster of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: man wanted to drive a team, as in March 4; negro

143 The critical reader will not fail to observe in this paragraph the occasional use of capitals in Roman text for words that are otherwise italicized. The capital M is here most used in this manner, but on page 314 *post* the capitals C and E similarly appear. This is one of the many peculiarities of the News-Letter typography, and special attention is called to it for reason of its comparative inconspicuousness in a hasty reading. The errors were probably due to careless proofreading.

woman to be sold, as in March 18; News-Letter advertisement, as in March 25.]

N. E. Numb. 105.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday April 15. to Monday April 22. 1706.

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[THIS issue is also a four page folio, nearly three pages filled with foreign news. From Constantinople, August 3, 1705, is gossip of Turkish internal affairs; from Hague, October 2 and October 10, are various items of war news and reports of further negotiations between Holland and Rome; from Vienna, September 23 and October 3, and from Breslau, September 26, are reports of affairs in Poland and Hungary; other minor news, principally concerning the war, is from Berlin, Frankfort, Turin, Dantzick and other capitals. Among the domestic news is a "Brief" issued by Governor Dudley regarding the distress of St. Christopher.]

London, Nov. 29. The *Virginia* Fleet is all safe arrived, and the Fleet from *Barbadoes* that was left of the violent Storm, not above half loaden: We hear several of the *Jamaica* Fleet are arrived since the great Storm they met with, at *New-York*, & hope more may be at *Boston*.

Capts. *Bowditch* and *Minot* are put up for *New England*, Capt. *Peppril* bound for *New England* was Sailed, but meeting with a Storm, was forc't to return, who is now at *Plimouth*, and designs not to Sail till he has the opportunity of a Convoy.

St. *Christophers*, *March* 10. Two days ago arrived here a Ship from *England*, by whom we are acquainted, That *Cadiz* has submitted to King *Charles* the 3d That *Valentia* is taken. That 25 Sail of English men of War were coming from *England* to these Islands. We daily expect the Pacquet to inform us further.

Montserrat, *March*, 21. This day we espyed upwards of 40 Sail of French whereof 12 were large Ships, some of them supposed to carry 60 Guns, one fire Ship, and a Bomb Ketch; the rest were Briganteens, Ketches and Sloops: They lay three days before at *Antigua*, but the Wind being High, hindered their Landing: 'Twas expected they would Land this night at *Montserrat*, but we suppose they designed for *Nevis*. A Packet of 22 Guns newly arrived from *England*, and brings News, That the Spainards do dayly revolt from the Duke of *Anjou* to King *Charles* 3d.

South-Carolina, March 30. Capts. *Flint* and *Belcher* are arrived here from *Boston* in *New-England*, the latter lost all his Masts. The 14th instant arrived here a Spanish Sloop, who was bound from St. *Augustines* to the *Havanna*, and had on board 13 Spaniards and 3 *English* Prisoners; The Prisoners rose up and kill'd the Spaniards all but 3 or 4, and brought the Sloop in here. The Governour was pleased to condemn the said Vessel, and gave her to the Prisoners. Yesterday arrived here a Ship from Liverpool, 9 weeks passage, who informs us, that when he left *England*, they had the News of *Cadiz*, revolting from the Duke of *Anjou* to King *Charles* the 3d.

Montserrat, March, 26. On the 21st Currant, The *French* Fleet consisting upwards of 40 Sail were seen going to *Nevis:* but we have no News from thence, only we see Fires on the Land every Night, and hear Firing of Guns. Col. *Johnson* went down from *Antigua* to *Nevis* to their Assistance with 2 Sloops full of able Effective Men: We are making preparations for to withstand the Enemy, in case of an Attack: Two of Her Majesty's Men of War went for *Barbadoes* 3 days before the Enemy's Fleet came.

Pattomack in *Virginia, March* 30. On the 10th of *Jan.* last arrived here from *Barbadoes* the *Dublin* Merchant, a Ship of 10 Guns & 22 men, *Michael Broomlie* Master, who in her Voyage sprung her Fore-top-mast and was forced to bear away to the Leward-Islands, and going by *Nevis*, a *French* Privateer of 87 men came up with her, whom she fought 4 hours, & at last the Privateer boarded her, but *Broomlie* kill'd & carried to St. *Christophers* 50 of his men, the one half of *Broomlies* men were sick & not able to fight. It's said there is a Privateer of 16 Guns off the Capes of *Virginia*.

Philadelphia, April 11. We are acquainted by a Gentleman from *Maryland*, that a West-country-man from *England* was lately boarded by a *French* Privateer off the Coast of *Virginia*, who in boarding him lost 9 of his men that fell Overboard into the Sea, which while they were endeavoring to save, being also favou'rd with the night coming on, the Westcountryman got clear of him, and said that he brought 6 of the *French* mans hands into *Virginia* with him; that got on board him when the rest fell Overboard.

Vessels Outward bound are *Hamerton & Guy* for *London*, *Raymond* for *Jamaica*, and *Trot* for *Fyall*.

New-York, April 15. Capt. Jeffers & a Brigt. will Sail this week or next to *Virginia* for Convoy to Engl. Vessels Outward bound are Wells for Madera, Sandford for Carolina, Moyon for Virginia, & Meers for Jamaica. Capt. Stanton Sails this week for Nevis. Her majesties Ship La[ow]staffe will Sail this week on a Cruise. We are acquainted

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Diarist. A critical reader of, and a commentator upon the early American newspapers.

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by a Gentleman lately come from England and Virginia, that Her Majesties Ship the Nonsuch that went from hence, was arrived at Falmouth.

Boston, Captain *Gilbert* from *Fyal* arrived here the 18th. Currant, by whom we are acquainted, That *Benjamin Stone* from *Boston* bound to *England* under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Guernsey, was separated in bad Weather, and put in to *Fyall;* from whence he Sailed for *England* the 4th. of *January* last, in company with a Briganteen from *Philadelphia.*

In *December* last, There was Advertisements of a Negro man Slave, and an Indian's Running away from Mr *William Pepperil of* Kittery in the Province of Main, desiring they might be apprehended where ever they came, and by vertue of said Advertisements coming (in the News Letter) to *South-Caralonia*, whither the said Negro and Indian had travelled, the Governour of said place has secured the said Runaways for the Owner.

By Letters from *Nevis*, We are informed, That while the French Fleet lay before that Island about the 6th of *February* last, A Ship of 16 Guns belonging to *London*, and a Briganteen belonging to *Boston* in *N. England*, *Daniel Noyes* Master, both from the *Maderas* bound to *Jamaica*, fell in with said Fleet, who took them to be Friends, the Enemy gave them Chase, and the Ship and Briganteen run in to *Nevis* under the Fort, where they were protected, and when the Enemy were gone they proceeded on their Voyage.

Mr. *Blew* from *Montserrat* see the Hulk of a Vessel without Masts in the Lat. of *Virginia*, as he was coming to *Boston.*

Mr. *Carver* from said Island came out in Company with *Thomas Ball* in a Sloop for this place, a few days after they Sayled from *Montserrat*, *Carver* met with a Ship who gave him Chase for 3 Glasses.

By His Excellency *Joseph Dudley* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay* and *New-Hampshire in New-England.*

A BRIEF.[144]

W*Hereas the Island of* St. Christophers, *some few weeks since, has been Insulted and Ravaged by the* French; *And Her Majesties good Subjects of that Island reduced to the last Extremity, by the Spoyles the Enemy has made in burning of their Houses and Mills, destroying and carrying off their Stocks and Estates: so that they are left destitute*

144 In Massachusetts Archives, Vol. II, p. 652. Reprinted in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 566. Also in Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 94*. See News-Letter Nos. 101, 103, 104, (account of the attack) *ante*, and 107, 108, 109 *post.*

both of Habitation and Subsistance: most having lost everything they had

I *Have therefore, at the Desire of the Representatives in their late Session, and with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, Issued forth this BRIEF; Hereby Recommending to the Commiseration and Pity of all Charitable Well-disposed Christians, within this Province and the Province of* New-Hampshire, *the deplorable Circumstances, and distressing Wants of their said Christian Brethren and fellow Subjects; And Exciting them to put on bowels of Christian Compassion and Charity, for the Relief of the pinching necessites of their distressed Friends and Countrymen. Which will be very acceptable to GOD, profitable for our selves, and be remembred with the like grateful Acknowledgment and Respect from this Island, as formerly.*

The Money that shall be Contributed and Collected for this pious Use, to be put into the Hands of Samuel Sewall, *Esqr. and* Andrew Belcher *Esqr. by them to be Invested in Provisions, &c. and forthwith forwarded by the Direction of My Self and the Council.*

And the Ministers of the several Towns are Directed to Read and Publish this in their Congregations; And to stir up their People, notwithstanding their deep Poverty, to a Chearful and Liberal Contribution to this good Work.[145]

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the 17th Day of *April*, 1706, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady QUEEN *ANNE*.

By Order of the Governour
and Council. *J. DUDLEY.*

Isaac Addington, Secr.

Entered Inwards, *Adolph* from *New-York*, *Tho. Philps* and *Jeremiah Vaile* from *North-Carolina*, *William Walter*, *Peter Harris*, *Samuel Prince*, and *Jonas Green* from *Connecticut*. Outward, *John Walker*, *Richard Christophers*, *Nathaniel Loring*, *Elisha Hedge* and *John Smith* for *Connecticut*. Foreign Inwards from *Maryland*, *Moses Abbot* Sloop *John* and Mary, and *Thomas Bell* Sloop *Endeavour;* from *Antigua*, *Abraham Hill* Sloop *Mary;* from *Nevis William Russel* Ship *Friendship*, from *Fyall; Thomas Gilbert*, Briganteen *Good will;* from St. *Christophers*, *Charles Renouf;* from *Montserat*, *Francis Norris*, Sloop *Seaflower*, *John Blew* Briganteen *Dragon*, *Robert Carver* Briganteen *Plimouth;* from *South-Carolina*, *Wil. Everton* Ship *Elizabeth*. Cleared Outward for *Fyall Benjamin Edwards* Sloop *Elizabeth;* for *White-haven* in *England*, *William Blaire;* for *Newfoundland*, *Eleazar Moses* Sloop *Content;* for *New-York*, *Samuel Darby* Sloop *Flying Hart*. Outward bound, *Joseph*

145 The Brief was read in the Old South Church on the 28th. See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, page 160, under date, Lords-Day, April, 28.

Thorne in Briganteen *Tryal* for *Surranam;* and *Andrew Gravenraedt* in Sloop *Ann*, for *New-York* and *Philadelphia.*

Advertisements.

ALL Persons in Town and Country who have a mind this Publick Print of Intelligence should be continued, and proceeded on after the last day of this instant April, and are willing to Contribute for its support, are hereby desired to agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the same, where they may have it Weekly by the year on reasonable Terms, not exceeding what it was the last year, but rather lessened provided any considerable number agree's to take it.

[Reprinted: sale of a copper still, as in April 15.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday April 22. to Monday April 29. 1706.

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[AGAIN a two page folio of which nearly one half is filled with foreign news, from London, Rome, Hague and Venice, of preceding September and October dates, brought by John Scot, master of a briganteen, from Plymouth, England.]

New-York, April 22. On the 19th Instant arrived here one Spencer in a Sloop from St. Thomas. Letters via Virginia from England and Ireland acquaint us, That Her Majesties Ships from hence arrived in England and Ireland, the Nonsuch at Falmouth in 27 days, the Deal Castle at Plimouth about same time, & the Maremaid at Kingsaile the last of December, who six days after she left this Port sprung her main Mast and a Leak in the fish room, the next day lost her Top Mast and sprung a Leak in the bread room, and with great difficulty got Kingsaile in a shatter'd condition.

His Excellency the Lord Cornbury sets out on Thursday next for His Government of New-Jersey.

The Philadelphia Post not yet come in.

Salem, April 27. Yesterday arrived here Daniel Bray from Fyal.

Boston, On *Thursday* arrived here from *England* a Brigt. *John Scot* Master, who Sailed from *Plimouth* the first of *March* in Company with a Fleet consisting of 370 Sail, under Convoy of 9 Men of War, bound for several parts, whereof there was 80 Transport Ships with

Forces on board for *Catalonia;* Capt. *Bowditch* & Capt. *Pepperil* came also out in Company for this place, as likewise did Capt. *Bond* for *New York*, and another Vessel or two for *Philadelphia.*

The Advice we have by Mr. *Scot* is, That . . . . . *John Bennet* from *Boston* to *London* was forc'd on Shore by a Privateer at *Dungeness;* and that *Stone & Lowder* for said Port were safe arrived in *Ireland.* That Capt *Pitts* and Capt. *Gerrish* were put up in *London* for *Boston.* [Then follows one and a half columns of miscellaneous foreign news received by this vessel.]

By letters from England, *we are acquainted that Capt.* Sanders *from* New-York *was safe arrived in* Ireland.

Capt. Pepperil *from* Plimouth *arrived here on Saturday the 27th. Currant, and Capt.* Bowditch *from said Port on the 28th. and* Noah Guill *from* Madera.

Coasters Entered Outward, Tho. Curtice for Connecticut, Tho Phelps for N. Carolina, Anthony Bracket for Piscataqua. Foreign Inwards, Tho. Ball Sloop Elizabeth from Montserrat, and John Scot Brigt. William from London. Cleared Outwards, Tho. Hunt Sloop Panther, & Will. Carket Sloop Friend Adventure for Newfoundland, Alex. Duncan Sloop Friendship for Barmuda, John Pitts Sloop Rebecca for Jamaica, John Hoddy Brigt. Adventure, & Job Hilliard Ketch Goodwill for Fyall. Outward bound, Walter Goodridge Ship Francis, & John Robison Brigt. Larke for Barbados; Richard Ingerson Sloop Seaflower for Suranam, Peter Leach Brigt. Plymouth for Antigua, Rich. Dafforne Sloop Amity for Newfoundland.

Advertisements.

WIthin a day or two will be Published a Book Entituled, Vigilantius. Or, A Servant of the Lord found Ready for the Coming of the Lord. A Discourse Occasioned by the Early Death of Seven Young Ministers, within a little while One of another: with some Essay upon their very Commendable & Imitable Character. And an ELEGY upon them Sold by Bartholomew Green at the Printing-House at the South-End of Boston.

ASet of Halberts for a foot Company to be Sold on reasonable Terms, by Nicholas Boone Bookseller, to be seen at his House near School-House Lane in Boston.

ASurranam Indian Woman, and Child about 5 years old, to be Sold, Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

ACertain Person has an Hundred Twenty Five Pound to Lend at Interest upon good Security: Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: copper still to be sold, as in April 22.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday April 29. to Monday May 6. 1706.

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[FOUR folio pages. Six and a half columns are filled with foreign news, most space being given to an address of Queen Anne to the house of lords, to an account of the investment of the town of Badajos in the preceding October, and to a report of the coronation of King Stanislaus at Warsaw in October. The issue opens with an editorial note prefacing the queen's speech.]

In our *Numb.* 102 We gave you the QUEENS Speech to the Parliament, and *Numb.* 103 The House of Commons Address to Her Majesty: The House of Lords Address tho' Prior to the House of Commons not then coming to our hands, we thought it would not be ill taken by the Encouragers of this Print, now to Insert it: Which was presented by Her Majesty on the 31st of October last: And is as follows. [The queen's speech and the other foreign news follows.]

Barbadoes, April 5. Money is grown very scarce here, so that our Assembly have Issued out from the Treasury 7000 Pound in Paper Notes, to run for Six Months, and to Morrow they Sit again, and its said, That they design to Order Bills for 40000 Pound to pass for 7 years.

Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* with the Fleet from *Boston* under her Convoy arrived here the latter end of *January*, except some that are arrived in the Leward Islands, onely *Thomas Barns* in Briganteen Swan who was taken and carryed in to *Martinico;* The said Fleet being bound for *Saltertuda*, but (by reason of the rumour that the French Fleet was abroad in the West-Indies, and one of Her Majesties Secretary's of State advising our Governour of a Fleet of 21 Sail with Transports, *&c.* fitting out of Brest under Conduct of Monsier *DeCasse*, to attack this place.) Here is a strict Embargo, so that your Vessels are hindred from proceeding on their Voyage, which will be a great Loss to us and *New-England.* The reason of the Frenches Effort thus, is said to be, That the French King at the beginning of this War borrowed a considerable Sum from *New-Spain*, with Engagement in 5 years to furnish them with 50,000 Negros for their Mines, which time of Contract being out, and his necessity requiring another Borrow; The *Spaniards* were Crusty,

and would not Lend till the first agreement was answered; so he thought an Attack on these Islands to be the readiest way to accomplish his bargain, and designs, which hitherto in great measure has been frustrated; for in their coming out of Brest 8 of said Ships were lost by Storm, some put back again disabled, others of them, *viz.* 6 Sail of Men of War and some Transports arrived at *Martinico*, and were Joyned by some Privateers, who attempted in the Latter end of *January*, and beginning of *February* last to land at *Antigua* and *Nevis*, the Wind blowing hard and contrary hindred their Attack: Our Forts at *Nevis*, Maul'd their Ships, and kill'd their Vice Admiral. The Enemy went then for St. *Christophers*, where they Landed 1600 Regular men from France, and as many Privateers, where they burnt and destroyed the greatest part of their Crop, Houses and Mills, *&c.* but could not take the Forts: And the Enemy hearing of a Supply going from hence to the Assistance of those Islands, The Enemy in a Confusion left the place, and returned to *Martinico.* [146]

Yesterday in the afternoon arrived a Pacquet from *England*, and a Sloop Express from *Antigua;* By the former we are acquainted, That a Fleet from *England* for this Place put to Sea the last of *February*, in Company with the Fleet for *Lisbone*, and other places, and with those for *Lisbon* Two Mast Ships, of about 600 Ton each, to Load Salt for *New-England;* The Fleet for this Place we daily expect. Monsieur *De Casse* is said to have Sailed from Brest with 15 Sail of Men of War, no body knows where, but is not yet arrived in the West-Indies.

The Account we have by the Express from *Antigua* is, That the Enemy, with Men of War, Transports, and Privateers, make about 50 Sail, having on board about 6000 Men, and on a second Expedition have attacked *Nevis;* and tis to be feared they have gained their Landing; If so, they are in danger to be lost: At *Antigua* they are so well provided, that they imagine themselves in no great danger. This Express has occasioned the Embargo on the *New-England* Fleet, which caused Capt. *Stuckley* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford* to leave them behind.

Boston, On Thursday the 2d Instant arrived here from *Barbadoes*, Her Majesties Ship the *Deptford*, about a Months passage.

Entered Foreign Inward, William Bowditch, ship Essex from *London; Samuel Pre*——[147] Ship William Andrew from *Cowes; Tobias Andrews*, Mary Ketch from *Surranam;* and *Noah Guille*, Sloop

146 Reprinted, in part, from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 565, in account of the distress of St. Christopher, pp. 561-562, 565-567.

147 Paper creased and worn so that last part of name is not decipherable.

Adventure from *Madera*. Cleared Outward for *Surranam*, *Edward Halloway*, Brigt. Dragon, *Richard Ingersol*, Sloop Seaflower, and *David Adams*, Brigt. Plimouth; and for *Jamaica*, *Francis Plaisteed* Frigot Evton. Outward Bound for *Montserat*, *Thomas Andrews*, Ketch Mary; for *Barbadoes*, *John Robinson*, Brigt Larke; for *New-York*, *Dirick Adolph*, and *Andrew Gravenraedt* for *New-York* and *Philadelphia;* for *Connecticut*, *Peter Harris* and *Jonas Green*.

Advertisements.

A New Edition of the New-England PSALM-BOOK, Printed with a New fair Character, and on good fine Paper; with a New Set of most Common Tunes, more free from Errors than heretofore: To be Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston: And Nicholas Boone at his Shop near School-House Lane.

A Negro Man Slave Aged about 20 years, and a Negro Woman, to be Sold; Inquire of John Campbell, & Know further.

OUR Last finished the Second Years Printing of the Publick Occurrences, and notwithstanding the Undertaker has not had a Competent Number to take it Weekly, whereby it might be carryed on effectually so as to have the Intelligence both sooner and more certain; yet most of those that have had it last year, being still willing to promote and encourage it, upon their desire, and in hopes that others will fall in with them, to support and carry on the same; so as the Undertaker may be enabled to settle Correspondents for the Intelligence, and lower the Price to those who are so willing to promote its continuance; The Undertaker has in this proceeded on one of a New for the third year; And all Persons in Town and Country who have a mind to Encourage the same, may Agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston for the year, who shall have it on reasonable Terms.

[Reprinted: a Surranam Indian woman and child to be sold, as in April 29.]

N. E. **Numb.** 108.

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From **Monday** May 6. to **Monday** May 13. 1706

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[ANOTHER four page folio, three pages filled with foreign news. Prominence is given to the action of Queen Anne and the house of lords in condemning the spreading of reports to the effect that the established church was in danger under her majesty's

administration, and especially arraigning one "David Edwards of the Parish of St. Dunstans in the West, London printer" for having published the libel, and offering rewards for the apprehension of the author and the printer. There are two pages of news from Paris, Rome, Turin, Vienna, Madrid, Hague and elsewhere.]

Jamaica, April 1 st. One Fidling bound hither from South Carolina was taken by a French Privateer, and carryed in to Petiguavus, and being ordered to France; he was retaken by Her Majestys Ship the Hector, & brought in here.

We have had an Embargo here for Six Weeks, by reason of the Intelligence brought us of a French Squardron being abroad in the West Indies: The last Packet brought the bad News of the said Squadron having over-run St. Christophers all but the Forts, and that they had left the Leward Islands.

Virginia, April 16. Capt John Wilde in the Ship Dove arrived here from Boston in 10 days, who came hither to imbrace a Convoy for London; and its uncertain when the Fleet from hence will Sail, the Commadore first expecting orders from England, and 'tis well if the Fleet Sail in June.

New-York, April 29. On the 27th instant arrived here a Sloop in 5 days from Barmuda, loaden with Salt; The Master whereof informs, That the Prize Ship bound from thence to this Port, met with a Storm in her Passage, in which they cut away their Main Mast, and had 2 men Drowned, and were returned to Barmuda to repair their Damage.

On the 28th arrived a Sloop from Virginia one Follen Master, who came from thence the 24th Instant, who acquaints us, That three Ships were arrived from England 3 or 4 days before he Sailed, who together with 17 Sail more came out of England the Latter-end of February, in Company of a Fleet upwards of 300 odd Sail, bound for Lisbon, Catalonia, *&c.* under Convoy of 9 Men of War. And that after they had left the St[r]eights-Fleet, and were Standing for Virginia, they unhappily met with Two French Men of War, who took 5 of them, and what became of the rest they know not: but Mr. Follen met 3 Ships going into the Capes, as he came out, which are Supposed to be some of them: He further sayes, That one of the Men of War designed to come to Virginia for Convoy was in the Dock at Portsmouth, when these Ships came from England; so that its uncertain when the Fleet will Sail for England, having orders not to stir till the other Convoys do arrive.

Most of the Jamaica Fleet that went from hence for England the first of December last, were arrived in Ireland.

Just now arrived a Sloop in 30 days from Curacoa, Lucas Steven Master; Three other Sloops for this Port came out in Company with him; but are not yet arrived: He brings no News, but that Monsieur De Casse was taken by an English Squadron coming out of the Channel: Which News they had at Curacoa by a Ship lately arrived there from Holland, that came out in Company with Six other Merchant-men under Convoy of Two Dutch men of War, the other Ships were daily expected in there. There was Two Sloops for Rhode-Island, Bernon and another that came out in Company with this Sloop: And there was 4 or 5 for Boston, who were to Sail the same day or the day after.

Rhode-Island, May 3d. On the 26th last arrived at New-Port a Ketch from Montserrat, Samuel Hooper Master, who came from thence the 21 March last, and in his Passage met with a violent Storm, which had like to have Founder'd him; wherein he lost his Masts, Spoyl'd most of his Suggar in his hould.

On Wednesday last was our Election; all our Officers are continued as they were, except one Assistant left out, and Major William Wanton Elected in his Room.

New-Haven, May 1st. On the 27th. last, William Nick of Marblehead, firing from a Sloop in our Harbour at some Fowl, the piece broke, greatly tore his left hand; and on the 29th the Chyrurgeons cut off his fore and middle Finger, and fear they must to Save his Life, cut above the Wrist. Yesterday we had a very great South-east Storm and Rain; Tis said our Small Rivers were never known by the English to be so high; We fear there is much damage in Towns lying on great Streams.

Dover, May 3d. On the 27th last, Some Sculking Indians about 10 or 12, came on part of Oyster River, and suddenly Kill'd and Captivated 8 Persons, who had been Stragling abroad out of Garison.

Montserat, April 5. We have had no News from Nevis these 12 days, only we are informed from St. Christophers, that the French Landed there the 22d of March, and that there was two French Flags seen flying upon the Fort; We are daily Fortifying here for defence.

Hartford, May 3. Of late we have had much Rain, which has caus'd a very great Flood, and but one like unto it this 40 years, it rose near 5 fathom above its usual height in our River, has done considerable damage, sundry Mills and Damns ruined, Houses floated, others drove away, 3 or 4 Vessels floated off their Blocks, great quantity of Corn spoyled.

New-York, May 6. Yesterday arrived 2 Sloops, Bill & Peniston from Curacoa, who 8 or 10 days ago met with a Sloop from Antigua

bound to Pensilvania, the Master whereof gave him the unwelcome News that Nevis was entirely taken by the French, he also says, that after the French had taken the Leeward Islands, they designed an Attack upon Jamaica. Two Sloops are bound for St. Thomas.

Rhode-Island, May 10th. On the 6th Currant arrived here John Wanton in Sloop Brothers Adventure, 22 days passage from Antigua, who says, That the French were possest of Nevis three Weeks, ere he left the Island, but had no News from thence, how the Enemy took it. They have made all imaginable preparations at Antigua for defence.

Letters from Barmuda acquaint us, That they are informed there from St. Thomas, That Monsieur De Casse coming out of France with 11. Sail of men of War, was intercepted in the Channel by an English Squadron, who took him and 4 or 5 more Men of War, ruined the rest, & carried De Casse to Bristol.

Boston, On the 5th Currant arrived here a Sloop from St. Thomas, Daniel Wyborn Master, 18 days passage; And by Passengers on board her that made their escape from Nevis, We are acquainted, That a French Fleet consisting of 12 Capital Ships, and 40 other Vessels on the 22d of March last, did Attack said Island, where the Enemy Landed 6000 Men, who had over-run the Island, and carryed away all that was Valuable; only they left the Inhabitants with their Houses Standing: There was several of the Enemy killed by the Negros. The Enemy stayed there upwards of 20 days. Several Vessels belonging to New-England, and other Places being Imbargo'd there, were taken by the French.[148]

On Fryday the 10th Currant arrived here John Ventiman from Jamaica about 5 Weeks passage: He came out in Company with Admiral Whetston and 6 men of War, that turned to the Windard: There came also out with him for this place, Pemberton, Bedgood and Edwards in 3 Sloops. The Anne Galley and Packet-Boat Sailed for England: Scrivener in a Briganteen for Barmuda and New-York: a Ship and a Sloop for Carolina; Vanbrugh of New-York for Virginia; a New-York Sloop from Carolina was ready to Sail for New-York.

His Excellency has Ordered, That the Masters of the Coasting Vessels Westward, Anchoring near the Shoar from Cape Cod to Seaconet, do forthwith send a Boat or Cannoe, with two men and no more, to give Notice to the Inhabitants who they are and from whence they come, to prevent their being put off their business by apprehending them to be Enemies.

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Coasters, Entered Inwards, Flood from Piscataqua, John Hedge, Joseph Concklin, Thomas Lathrop, Jacob Cornwell, & Obadiah Carter from Connecticut. Outward, Thomas Ball, John Lothrop, James Allin, Samuel Prince, William Waters, Peter Harris and Jonas Green for Connecticut, Benj. Flood, and Jacob Parker for Piscataqua, and Dirik Adolph for New-York. Foreign Inwards, from St. Thomas Daniel Wyborn Sloop Hawck; from Virginia Mathew Armstrong Sloop Swallow: from Jamaica John Ventiman Ship Martha. Cleared Outward, for Montserrat Dennis Hollirt Brigt. Experiment, for Nevis John Stevins Sloop Mary-Rose, for Madera Samuel Carey Brigt. Three Sisters, for Jamaica, Peter King Ship Society, Andrew Wilson Sarah Galley, James Smith Ship America. Outward bound for London, Thomas Loch Tryall Galley, for Jamaica, John Secum Sloop Boneta, for Barbadoes Newcomb Blague Coleman Frigat.

Advertisements.

TWo Negro Men Slaves Aged about 21 years, & a Negro Woman; to be Sold; Inquire of John Campbell, & know further.

AT the desire of Several Gentlemen Merchants and others who are willing to Contribute towards supporting of this Publick Print of Intelligence, the Undertaker has begun for a third year in hopes of others following their Good Example, whereby it may be Continued. And all Persons in Town & Country who have a mind to promote the same, may Agree with John Campbell Postmaster of Boston for the year, who shall have it on reasonable Terms.

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[ANOTHER four page folio, more than three pages filled with foreign news of preceding October and November dates from Lisbon, Rome, Milan, Vienna, Hamburgh, Cologne, Hague and elsewhere. There are accounts of the capture of Barcelona, October 21, 1705, and of the progress of the siege of Badajos.]

Antigua, April 21st. On the 20th of *March*, we were Alarm'd by a French Squadron just under the Land; but in the afternoon they bore away for *Nevis;* they consisted of 64 Sail, whereof were 12 Ships from 50 to 72 Guns, Monsieur *Debervell* was their Commadore.

On the 22d in the Night, Monsieur *Debervell* Landed 4000 Men about 8 Miles from *Nevis* Town, at a Place where our People thought

it impossible for them to Land, where, had there been but 50 men, 'twould broke the French's designs: The Commodore was the first man that went on Shore in a Cannoe, and about two a clock in the Morning he Marched at the Head of his Forces undiscovered, till they came within half a Mile of the Town, where two Companies of about 50 men discover'd and engag'd them some time, but no Assistance coming were forced to give way: The Enemy immediately got possession of the Town and several Platforms of Guns; The People fled to the *Dodan*, except about 30 Men, that fought them some time, and beat the Enemy out of one of the Platforms, Turn'd the Guns on the Town which did the Enemy considerable damage. Major *Parris* with 15 Men in the Fort fought the Enemy till 3 a clock in the afternoon of next day, & then Surrendered on honourable Terms.

The same day the Enemy Marched to the *Dodan* with all their Forces: It is a Fort on the Top of a high Mountain wall'd in with a dry Stone Wall breast high, where we had 500 Men, with the Queen's Souldiers and Seamen, Commanded by Col. *Abbot*, who was resolved to Fight the Enemy and keep the Fort: but contrary to his own reason, being over-perswaded by some other Gentlemen, and Cryes of the Women and Children, he yielded to a Parly, and agreed on Articles to Surrender.

That they should March out with their Arms, Drums beating and Collours flying; but so soon as they were out, The French broke their Articles, disarmed the English and barbarously used them: The Enemy burnt about half of the Country, and have taken all that was valuable; they took also 3200 Negros; Half of the Town of *Nevis* was burnt by Accident after the Capitulation; The Inhabitants have also agreed with the French (to Save the remaining part of their Houses Standing, and themselves from being carryed off Captives,) in Six Months time to deliver at *Martinico* 1400 Negros, or to pay 42000 *l.* for which they took the Gentlemens Bonds, and carryed 4 young Gentlemen with them as Hostages for the performance.

Some of the Negros they had taken, after they were on board to be sent away, understanding that they were to be Sold to the Spaniards 80 of them Jumpt overboard, and some of them got on Shore, who possest the Negros that were in the Mountains of the Frenches design of getting them also by vertue of the Articles of Capitulation, and to carry them to *New-Spain* to work in the Mines, which made about 600 of them, who were well armed come down on the French, kill'd several of them, and used them so as to give no quarter, that the French durst not move half a Mile out of Town for fear of the Negros.

The Enemy lost about 500 Men at *Nevis*, 130 men were blown up and kill'd at blowing up the Forts, and splitting the great Guns:

when the Enemy went away the 10th Instant, they carryed with them 25 Sail of Vessels that lay Embargo'd in the Harbour.

The Negros are still in Arms; there are 1400 of them who say, That they will not lay down their Arms till the General goes down and Commands them: They are afraid if they should that their Masters must and will comply with the Articles to send them off, and so be carryed to *New-Spain.*

Col. *Johnson* has sent down to *Nevis* 150 small Arms, & 26 barrels of Powder, and some Provisions; the English having nothing to Eat since the French left them but Potatoes.

The French left the Island suddenly in 3 hours time, by reason of 14 Sail of Tall Ships seen by their Spy, to the Windward of *Barbados*, whom they took to be English men of War, but since are informed, they were Dutch, bound home from *Surranam.* Most of the French went to the Leeward, their design is said to be for some other place.

Three Privateers went again to St. *Christopher's*, and took off 400 Negro's.

New-York, May 13. On the 6th Currant arrived Stillwell from Curacoa, and last week arrived Joel from Barmuda. His Excellency the Lord Cornbury our Governour has Issued forth Two Proclamations: One Commanding all persons to appear in Arms, &c. upon the first Alarm; and the other to discover what quantity of Powder is in this Province, prohibiting the Sale and Exportation thereof till further Order. Two Sloops Outward bound for Curacoa, one for Barbadoes, and one for Barmuda.

Just now arrived 2 Sloops from St. Thomas in 16 days, by whom we have advice, That the French have taken Nevis, that Monsieur Debervill was arrived at St. Thomas in a Ship of 67 Guns, he lay there 3 days, with 12 Sail more, supposed to be a part of his Squadron; 'tis not known whither they are bound, but belived to be for New-Spain: It was talk't at St. Thomas's, that the French Fleet were to Rendezvous at St. de Crux, and that their Design was to attack Curacoa, The Privateers were returned to Martinico.

Two Sloops are just arrived in 30 days from Jamaica; they left Mr. Vial bound for Boston 6 days ago. A Sloop bound from Jamaica for England, but last from Virginia; John Vanbrugh Master is just now come in here.

Boston, On Tuesday the 14th Currant Dyed here Capt. *Benjamin Gilliam*, and was interr'd on Thursday the 17th. Aged 43 years.

Coasters Cleared Outward, for *Piscataqua Goin* and *Wair*, for *Connecticut Thomas Lathrop* Sloop Diamond, *Thomas Lathrop* Sloop Susanna, and *John Lathrop* Sloop Speedwell. Foreign Inwards, from *Jamaica, Jeffery Bedgood* Sloop Two Brothers, *Thomas Pember-*

ton, Sloop John & Anne, from *Barmuda*, *John Welch* Sloop Larke, from *Antigua*, *John Porter* Sloop Mary. Outward bound, for *Montserrat*, *William Cooke* Brigt. John and James, for South *Carolina*, *John Comer* Ketch Exchange, for *Newfoundland*, *Jeremiah Vaile* Sloop Mary.

On Saturday arrived *Nathaniel Perkins* from South *Carolina*, *John Edwards* from *Jamaica*, *Blin* and *Hedge* from *Connecticut*.

On Wednesday the 15*th Currant, It was Resolved by His Excellency & Council, That Capt.* Redknap *Her Majesties Engineer for the Continent of* America *be forthwith supplied with Materials for Mounting 20 Pieces of Cannon at Castle* William, *and to repair the Works, and raise more as shall be judged necessary for the Defence of this Place.*

Advertisements.

THe Good Old Way: Or, Christianity Described in the Lives of the Primitive Christians. Sold by Benjamin Eliot under the West End of the Town-House: Price bound 12 d.

[Reprinted: negro man slave for sale, as in May 6; News-Letter advertisement as in May 13.]

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[FOUR folio pages, more than three pages devoted to foreign news, the most important relating to the siege of Asti in the preceding November, the meeting of the czar of Russia and the king of Poland, at Grodno in November, the visit of the duke of Marlborough to Vienna, and affairs in Bavaria, Hungary and Germany.]

Guernsey, Nov 12. Several Prizes have been lately brought in here by the Privateers, belonging to this island . . . The *Francis* of *Philadelphia*, *Andrew Lock* Master, of 40 Tuns and 8 men, Loaden with Wine Retaken by Capt *John Brock*.

Plimouth [Eng.] *Decemb. 2.* The 30th past a *Dutch* Privateer called the *Dolphin* of *Flushing* brought in here as Prize, the *Abraham* of *Rochel*, of 14 Guns, and 200 Tuns, laden with Sugar, Indigo, and other Goods from *Martinico*.

St. James's *December* 9. This day *Francis Nicholson* Esq. late Governour of Her Majesties Colony and Dominion of Virginia, was introduced into Her Majesty's Presence by the Rt. Hon. Mr. Secre-

tary *Hedges*, and had the Honour to Kiss Her Majesty's Hand: He likewise waited upon his Royal Highness, who was also pleased to receive him very favourably.

Jamaica, April 10*th*. Capt. *Bartholomew Green* is arrived here from *Boston*. The Packet call'd the *Barbados* having on board 150 Cask of Indigo, and about 20000 *l*. value in Silver and Gold, bound from hence to England, was lost upon the Island Heneago: The men on board her Saved the Indigo and Money, built a Boat, took in the Money, designing down hither, leaving the Indigo on the Island, but in the way were met by a French Ship, who took them with their Riches, and gave the men the Boat again and all of them their Liberty Save two: When they arrived here, the Merchants immediately fitted out a Sloop with 90 men to fetch the Indigo from Heneago, which accordingly they did and brough it hither.

We have now here 300 French Prisoners; We set all the Spaniards that we take at Liberty; and the Spaniards do the same to the English: We keep all the French Criolians close Prisoners: There are two Flags of Truce sent from hence to the Havanna, and St Domingo: Admiral *Whetstone* with Her Majesties Ships under his Command being to the Eastward, is returning from his Cruise hither again.

St. John's, Newfoundland, May the 4th. It has been very Sickly here last Winter, and we have buryed a great many: We have taken 6 French Prisoners, and two Indians; Three of the French Prisoners made their escape to Petty Harbour, where the Chief Gunner with a party in pursuit of them kill'd two in their endeavouring a second escape. On the 25 last. a party of French came & burnt Mr. *Coals* House. Here are two Ships arrive from England, *Abraham Filmore* from Topsham and *Thomas Templeman* from Bristol, by whom we are informed, That Sir *William Jumper* is bound hither with a Squadron, whom we daily expect.

Southampton on Long-Island, *May* the 12th. On Saturday the 4th Currant, Dyed here Col. *Mathew Howel* Esq. much Lamented.

Nantucket, May the 15th. On Monday the 6th Instant, Dyed here *John Gardner* Esq. Aged about 82 years.

New-York, May 20. This day arrived a Sloop from St. Thomas in 20 days, who brings News that the French gave out there, that they designed for Jamaica, and in their Return for New-York, which has caused us to make all possible provision to give them a warm Reception; All persons having provided themselves with Arms and Ammunition, and all hands are employed upon Fortifying this City, which in a short time will be put in a good posture of defence; Our Inhabitants having voluntarily advanced large Sums of Mony

for the procuring of Materials, until such time our Assembly Sits, which will be on the 24th Instant. A great many new Carriages are already made for the Mounting of our Cannon, and a great number of Stockadoes and Plank brought to Town, for the making of Platforms, Breast-works, &c.

Her Majesty's Ship Lowstaffe will go to Sea this week on a Cruise.

Vessels Outward bound are Gilbert and Ecles for St. Thomas, Schelinx for Boston, Stevins for Curacoa, Hutchins for Barmuda, Ecles for Jamaica, Chaplain for Barbadoes & Maclenan for Antigua.

Hartford, May 20. This day a Woman was Condemned to Dy for Murdering her Husband, which was done by throwing a pair of Taylors Shears at him, which hitting him on the head, in a few days it prov'd fatal to him.

Rhode-Island, May 24. On the 14th Instant about 4 in the afternoon, we had a great Shower of Hail, some whereof measured full three quarters of an inch through, but did no damage. A Vessel has been seen off Block-Island, which by her working is supposed to be an Enemy.

Marblehead, May the 24th. On Saturday the 18th. Dyed here Capt. *John Brown* Merchant, who was interr'd on Wednesday the 22d. instant.

Boston, On Monday the 13th Currant, His Excellency reviewed the Militia of this Place, at a General Muster of the Regiment. And on Wednesday the 15th Currant the Militia of the Eastern Regiment in the County of Middlesex at a General Muster in *Charlestown.* And on Tuesday the 21st Currant the Militia of the South Regiment in the County of *Essex*, at a General Muster at *Salem* And on Thursday the 23d the middle Regiment in the said County of Essex, at a General Muster at Ipswich; And found them well provided as the Law Directs.

Wednesday next the 29th Currant is the Aniversary Day for Electing the Members of Her Majesties Council for this Province, when the Great and General Court is to sit at *Boston.*

Mr. *Nathaniel Vial* after he came out of Jamaica in his Voyage hither, met a Bark-Alongo that came from *Cuba*, bound to Jamaica, with several English Prisoners.

On Monday the 20th *Currant, The Governour Acquainting the Council, That His Excellency the Lord* Cornbury *Governour of* New-York *&c. had Written to Capt.* Redknap *Her Majesties Engineer, to repair into that Province.*

The Council Unanimously desired His Excellency to direct his Attendance in this Province for Her Majesty's Service, until the New

Cannon be Mounted at Her Majesty's Castle William, *and the Works there, now in hand, be set in Order.*

Coasters, Entered Inwards, *Jackson* from Piscataqua, *Lewis & Blin* from Connecticut. Outward, *Gold & Bracket* for Piscataqua, *Ed. Hedge* for Connecticut. *Andrew Gravenradt* for Rhode-Island, N. York & Pensilvania. Foreign Inwards from Jamaica, *John Patison* Sloop Dove, *Nathaniel Vial* Ship Dutchess: From South-Carolina, *Nathaniel Perkins* Brigt. Success: from Bonire, *John Sharp* Sloop Four Friends: from Saltertuda, *John Hobbs* Ketch Lamb: From Newfoundland *Solomon Gardner* Sloop Mary: from Surranam *Ebenezar Dennis* Brigt. Friendship. Cleared Outwards, for St. Christophers, *William Cole* Sloop Mary: for Antigua, *William Thomas* Brigt Amity: for Newfoundland, *Richard Dafforn* Sloop Amity: for Barbados, *Thomas* Ruck Brigt. Fraternity, and *John Robinson* Brigt. Larke. Outward bound, for Maryland, *Moses Abbot* Sloop Endeavour: for New York *Joseph Concklin* Sloop Tryal: for Fyal *John Jarvis* Brigt. Goodwill: for Carolina, *Jeffery Bedgood* Sloop Two Brothers: for St. Christophers, *Daniel Wyborn* Sloop Hawck: for Newfoundland, *George Pearson* Sloop John and Mary.

Advertisements.

[Reprinted: loan of money wanted, as in February 14; negro man slave for sale, as in May 6; News-Letter advertisement, as in May 13.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday May 27. to Monday June 3. 1706.

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[IN this issue, the space devoted to domestic news exceeds that given to the foreign. The latter is in December, 1705, letters from London, Turin, Venice, Florence, Warsaw, Hague, Ratisbon and elsewhere. The number opens with reports of the Anniversary Election, the sitting of the General Court and the address of Governor Dudley.]

Boston, June 3. 1706.

W*Ednesday* the 29th of *May* last, being the day appointed for the Sitting of the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province, And the Anniversary Election: After the Election Sermon Preach'd by the Reverend Mr. *John Rogers*, Minister of *Ipswich:* (upon these words, 1 Kings 8.57, 58. *The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our*

Fathers: Let him not leave us, nor forsake us: that he may encline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his Commandments, and his Statutes, and his Judgments, which he commanded our Fathers.)

The following Gentlemen were Chosen Members of Her Majesty's Council for the Ensuing Year, whom His Excellency was pleased to Approve of, *Viz.*[149]

Wait Winthrop Esq
John Hathorn Esq
Samuel Sewall Esq
William Brown Esq
Jonathan Corwin Esq
John Walley Esq
Eliakim Hutchinson Esq
Penn Townsend Esq
Samuel Partridge Esq
Edward Bromfield Esq
Isaac Winslow Esq
Samuel Appleton Esq
**John Cushing* junior Esq
James Russel Esq
Elisha Hutchinson Esq
Isaac Addington Esq
John Phillips Esq
John Foster Esq
John Thacher Esq
John Appleton Esq
John Higginson Esq
Andrew Belcher Esq
Samuel Legg Esq
Nathanael Payne Esq
**John Leverett* Esq
**Ichabod Plaistead* Esq

The Members of the House of Representatives for the several Towns are as follows, and those that have this Mark [*] are New Ones.[149]

Boston { Mr Tho. Oakes *Speak*, Col Sam. Checkley, Capt Eph Savage, Mr Eliz. Holyoke }
Roxbury, Mr Wil Denison
Dorchester, Mr Hopestill Clap
Milton, Capt Thomas Vose
Braintrey, Mr John Baxter
Watertown, *Jonas Bond Esq
Sudbury, *Mr Edmund Ryce
Marlborough, *Capt Tho How
Concord, *Mr Wil. Wilson
Chelmsford, Capt Jera. Bowers
Billerica, *Mr John Sternes
Woburn, James Converse Esq
Reading, Maj. Jer Swain

149 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol.VIII, pp. 161-163. In the list of members of the council are these changes in the Province Laws print: Russell for Russel; Hathorne for Hathorn; Browne for Brown; Paine for Payne; Plaisted for Plaistead. In the list of representatives, the following: Sudbury, Deacon Edmund Rice instead of Mr. Edmund Ryce; Billerica, Lieut. John Stearns instead of Mr. John Sternes; Woburn, added: Ensign John Pierce; Hingham, Maj. Samuel Eells instead of Samuel Eels Esq.; Salem, blank filled: Mr. Daniel Epes; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewet, Mr. Goodue instead of Capt.; Reading, Sweyne for Swain; Malden, Hill for Hills; Sherburne, Lieut. Morse instead of Mr.; Dunstable, Lieut. Col. Tyng instead of Col.; Newbury, Somerby for Somersby; Lynn, Poole for Pool; Marblehead, Calley for Cawley; Wenham, Deacon William Fiske instead of Mr. Wil. Fisk; Gloucester, Haskall for Hascall; Yarmouth, Paddocke for Paddock; Hatfield, Deacon Marsh instead of Mr.; Rehoboth, Ensign Read instead of Mr. Reed; Haverhill, Saunders for Sanders; Boxford, Perley for Pearly; Cambridge, Capt. Thomas Oliver in place of John Leverett Esq., Leverett being elected to the council; Charlestown, Cary for Carey; Taunton, Crosman for Crossman; York, Donnell for Donnel.

Weymouth, Capt Steph French
Dedham, Mr John Fuller
Medfield, *Mr Henry Adams
Hingham, Samuel Eels Esq
Brooklin, *Mr John Winchester
Salem { *Mr Benj Lynde
Ipswich { Mr Nehe Jewet / *Capt Wil Goodhue
Newbury, Capt Hen Somersby
Lynne, *Mr John Pool
Marblehead, *Mr John Cawley
Beverly, Mr Samuel Balch
Wenham, Mr Wil. Fisk
Topsfield, Mr Elisha Perkins
Glocester, *Mr Benj. Hascall
Rowley, Mr John Dresser
Salisbury, *Mr Rich. Hubbard
Amesbury, *Capt Tho. Harvey
Andover, Capt Chri. Osgood
Haverhill, *Mr James Sanders
Boxford, *Mr Tho. Pearly
Cambrige, *John Leverett Esq
Charlestown, *Capt Nath Carey
Newtown, *Mr John Spring
Maldon, *Mr Eben. Hills
Sherborn, *Mr Jonath. Morse
Dunstable, *Col. Jonat Tyng
Lancaster, Mr John Houghton
Groton, *Mr Simon Stone
Plymouth, *Mr Nath Morton
Situate, *Mr John Barker
Marshfield, Mr Eph. Little
Bridgewater, Mr Dav. Perkins
Duxbury, *Capt Seth Arnold
Barnstable, *Mr Sam Hinckley
Yarmouth, *Mr Zech. Paddock
Eastham, Mr Sam. Knowles
Springfield, *Jos. Parsons Esq
Northampton, *Mr Eb. Strong
Hadley, *Mr Daniel Marsh
Hatfield, *Mr Samuel Marsh
Bristol, Mr Nath Blagrove
Rehoboth, *Mr Moses Reed
Swanzey, *Mr Hezek. Luther
Taunton, *Mr Ro. Crossman
York, *Samuel Donnel Esq
Kittery, *Mr Jos. Hammond
Nantucket, Capt Rich. Gardner.

His Excellency, JOSEPH DUDLEY Esqr. *Captain General and* GOVERNOUR *in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the* Massachusetts-Bay *in* New-England, *&c.* His SPEECH *to the Honourable the* COUNCIL *and* Representatives, *in General Court Assembled at* Boston, May *the* 30*th.* 1706.

Gentlemen,

BY the favour of Almighty GOD, we have been last year preserved from any inroad of the Enemy by Land, or any considerable Depredation upon our Coast; and the Forces in the several Parts have done their Duty towards our Preservation.

I am to acquaint you, That by our Advice from the *West Indies*, The French have a more powerful Fleet than at any time heretofore; and having done what Spoil they can in the Islands; may be reasonably expected to visit the Continent, and every Body will agree that it is Our Duty to be in all possible Preparation to receive them, to defend this Province from their Insults, and therein to do the Just Honour we owe to the Crown of *England*, to Her Majesty the

best of Princes, and to all Her Majesties good Subjects that depend upon US.

I have lately reviewed the several Regiments upon the Sea Coast, and put them into the best Readiness for a March, to the Assistance of any oppressed Part, and by the Advice of Her Majesties Council, have doubled the Garrison at the Castle, and laid in Provisions and Stores there.

There is something further necessary to be done towards the Security of this Town, at the *Battery's* and else where, as well as at *Salem*, *Marblehead* and *Cape Anne*, which I shall desire you forthwith to enter upon: the Season of the year being far advanced, and proper for the Enemy to look this way.

Gentlemen of the Representatives,

I have always found your Readiness to Assist in the Affairs of the War; and as the Circumstances are more pressing, I doubt not of your further Resolutions, you will properly consider the Method of such growing Charges of the Fortifications, and other Necessarys, and how to lay them equally, and thereby more easy to the People.

Mr. Treasurer's Accounts will acquaint you what is wanting there.

I have used all Methods this last year to make the Charge as easy as possible, that I might Encourage your Readiness in the Supply, and shall at all times depend upon your Advice for the Security of this Province, and am well Assured of your Assistance.

I shall be glad you will make this the first business, and proceed early in it, because all things that we shall judge necessary will demand time.

I Trust Almighty GOD will Inspire us with that Courage and Resolution which is needful for our Defence: and that we may proceed Unanimously and Vigorously in what is before us, which I shall always justly represent to the Honour of the Government.

On *Thursday* the 30th of *May*, An Express came to His Excellency from *Albany*, giving an Account, That Mr. *Shelden* (who went from hence to *Canada* with Letters from our Governour, to the Governour of *Quebeck*, in order to the Exchange of Prisoners) was safe arrived there, and had got all our Captives together (except 9 or 10) in readiness to come away from thence.

This day came here by Land from *Martha's-Vineyard*, *Jeremiah Snow*, Master of the Ship *Hopewel*, who came from *Hundoras* about 5 weeks ago loaden with Logwood bound for *Curacoa;* But on the 3d of *May* coming thro' the Gulph of *Florida* was taken by a *French* Man of War of 26 Guns, bound from St. *Domingo* to *Burdeaux* in *France:* The *French* having pillaged her of Water, Provisions, Beds and Cloathing, Sold the Ship and Loading to the Master for an 100 *l.* Sterling; for the payment of which he sent a Man in Hostage. And

on *Thursday* the 23d of *May*, Mr. *Snow* being off *Block-Island*, and very short of Water and Provisions, seeing two Sloops, he drew up his Sails designing to speak with them to get a supply; but they were afraid, and run away from him, he being unacquainted at *Rhode-Island*, and not having time that night to run in, he made the best of his way to the *Eastward*, and on the 26*th*. got in to *Martha's-Vineyard*. Mr. *Snow* see the People of *Block-Island* fire the Beacon, and doubtless his Ship was the Vessel mentioned in our last supposed to be an Enemy.

By a Vessel from *Carolina*, We are acquainted, That Capt. *Baylie* in a Ship from *Barmuda* bound to *Pensilvania*, having 41 Persons on board was cast away the beginning of *April* last, a little to the Northward of *Ruanok* Barr, and had 33 Persons drowned, 15 whereof were Negros. As also that Capt. *Josiah Flint* in the Stephen and Samuel of *Boston*, laden with Pitch, Tar, Ryce *&c.* bound from *South Carolina* to *Virginia*, in order to imbrace the Convoy from thence to *England*, was cast away upon Cape Hatteras, about the middle of *April* last; the men all Saved.

His Excellency has been pleased to Commissionate Mr. *Samuel Keeling* Merchant, to be one of the Captains of the Regiment of Militia of this Town.

New-York, May 27. On the 21st Instant arrived here Capt. Morrison from Jamaica, and Cox from Turks Island. And on the 24th a Prize Ship (formerly mentioned) from Bermuda, but neither bring any News.

Her Majesty's Ship Lowstaffe Sails this week on a Cruise towards Virginia.

We have above 200 at work every day on the Fortifications, and a great number cutting and fetching of Timber, Stockadoes, &c. for making of Batteries, Platforms, &c. The Northside of this City from Hudsons River to the East River will be inclosed with Stockadoes, and a very good Breast-work, with several Block-Houses at convenient places. One half whereof is already done, and we hope to have finished that Line this week. A breast-work is carrying on all along Hudsons River, and several Batteries will be made fronting the Harbour, there being Carriages ready for Mounting 40 or 50 heavy Cannon, & more making.

Most persons in case of any Attack from the Enemy have provided Retreats in the Country, for their Wives and Children, &c. And a Computation has been made, that in less than 24 hours, we can have 4000 Men well Armed in this City; So that if the French should come, they are like to get little more than hard blows & Brick Walls, which will do them no extroordinary Service.

We are acquainted from Virginia, that Capt. Bond for this place has Souldiers on Board to Recruit the Forces here; who comes from England under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the Greenwich & Hazardous for Virginia, whom we daily expect.

Vessels Outward bound are Budge for London, Bradduck for Boston, Bill, Pasco, Stilwell and Dupuy for Curacoa, and Martin for St Thomas.

Boston, Coasters Entered Inwards, *Elisha Hedge*, *Nathanael Loring*, *Richard Christophers* and *William Rodes* from *Connecticut*. Outward, *Jacob Cornwal* for *Connecticut*. Foreign Inwards, from Ruanoak, *William Clarke* Sloop Endeavour, *John Ford* Sloop Speedwell, *David Northy* Brigt. Speedwell-friend, and *John Webster* Brigt. Endeavour: from Turks Island, *Solomon Pitman* Brigt. Content: from Montserrat, *Samuel Hooper* Ketch Endeavour: from Bonavist, *James Loring* Brigt. Industry: from Nevis *Ebenezar Breed* Ketch Goodwill: from South-Carolina, *Joseph Elicot* Sloop Nonsuch. Cleared Outward, for Newfoundland, *Jeremiah Vail* Sloop Mary: for South Carolina, *John Pitts* Ketch Exchange. Outward bound, for Fyall *Samuel Edward* Brigt. William and Mary.

THese are to give Notice, That in our Numb. 79 *We gave you an Account, That Her Majesty, for the better maintaining of Correspondence between* England *and Her Plantation Islands in the* West-Indies, *and for the further Improvement and Benefit of Trade, had settled Packet-Boats, to go from* Plimouth *every Month in the year, and being arrived at* Barbadoes *to stay no longer than 3 days and nights, at* Antigua *2 days and nights*, Monserat, Nevis *and St.* Christophers *at each 36 hours, at* Jamaica *10 days and nights, and thence to Return to* England, *and not to be stay'd or delay'd on any pretence whatsoever.*

And whereas in the said Account by an Error of the Press, it is said every Vessel hath performed her Voyage in the space of 150 days or thereabouts: These are to give Notice, that it should be but 100 days, which according to the first Proposition laid down by the Honourable Edmund Dummer *Esqr. is* de facto *found practicable to accomplish the same.*

In the said Account we also informed you, That by virtue of the Act of Parliament for Establishing the Post-Office, Her Majesty had Directed and Impowered the Honourable Sir Robert Cotton *Knight, and also the Honourable Sir* Thomas Frankland *Baronet, Her Majesty's Post-Master General of* England *and the Plantations*, &c. *to take and receive for the Port of all Letters and Packets so conveyed to and from the Plantations to* England, *according to the Rates following. From* England *to the* West-Indies, *each Letter not exceeding one sheet* 15 d. *double not exceeding 2 Sheets* 2 s. 6 d. *and in proportion to the same*

Rates for every Packet of Letters. From the Islands to England *single* 18 d. *Double* 3 s. *and in proportion for Packets, and for Packets of greater bulk* 6 s. per *Ounce.*

We also acquainted you that Letters would be taken in at the General Post-Office in London, *directed for* New-England, New-York, New-Jersey, Pensilvania, &c. *On the same Post nights as those for the Plantation Islands, which would be put up in Separate Bags, for the Continent, with Direction to the several Agents of Her Majesty's Packets in each Island by the very first Embarkation that presents from either Island, to put said Mails on Board for the Continent, where said Letters are to be dispatched to the Respective Governments by the Post-master of the Place where the said Vessel does first arrive.*

These are also to give Notice, That the Agents of the Packets in each Island, and the Post-masters on the Continent, are ordered to Correspond with each other in order to promote and carry on this Publick Good. As also the Post-masters of the several Provinces on the Continent are hereby desired to acquaint each other from time to time of all Vessels Outward bound from their Precincts to any Port of the West-Indies *or Beyond Sea, as well as those that do arrive from any Foreign Port; whereby all Persons may know how and when to send Letters by said Vessels for Counveyance by the Monthly Packets to* England, *or any other Ports.*

It is also hereby further Notified to all Persons who at any time have a mind to send any Letters or Packets for England, *either directly when Embarkations offer, or by the way of the* West-Indies *by said Packets, either from this or the Neighbouring Provinces, that all due care shall be taken by the Respective Post-masters to put said Letters on board the Vessel for* England, *and if to the Plantations, to put up the said Letters in a Maile directed for the Agent, where the first Embarkation offers, by him to be put on Board the first Packet for* England: *The Owners of said Letters or Packets, first having pay'd the Inland Postage and usual allowances of* 2 d. *each Letter for the same.*

Advertisements.

TO be Sold at Charlestown on reasonable Terms, A House & Land, Barn, Gardens, with other accomodations, and a Dock and Ship-yard belonging thereunto, with all necessarys for a Ship-wright; Inquire of Mr. Samuel B[a]llard of said Town, and know further.

UPon Tuesday night last the 28th of May, there was Stole, a Little Moses Boat from the side of the Sloop Larke lying at Mrs. Keeche's Wharffe in the North End of Boston: Whoever will bring back again the said Boat unto John Welch Master of said Sloop, or give him any true Intelligence, so as he may have her again, shall have a sufficient Reward.

ANy Person that wants to borrow Money at Interest, upon good Security, may inquire of John Campbell Postmaster, and know further.

THree Negro Men Slaves, & three Negro Women, to be Sold; Inquire of John Campbell Postmaster, & know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in May 13.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday June 3. to Monday June 10. 1706.

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[IN all respects — size, diversity of news, treatment of domestic affairs, quantity of advertising and so on — this is the most ambitious number of the News-Letter attempted up to this date. Two regular pages are added. making it a six page folio. On the first page is an account from Limerick, December 7, 1705, of storms and shipwrecks on the Irish coast, and this is followed on the first and second pages with other foreign news from Vienna, Madrid, Zurich, Ratisbon and elsewhere. More than half of the third page is given to domestic news. On the fourth page is an editorial argument against negro slavery, an important historical document, and on the same page is additional domestic news. The fifth page is filled with the speech of Lord Cornbury and the proceedings of the Assembly of New York, while the sixth page presents foreign news from Paris, Dresdon, Frankfort, Falmouth, Hague and elsewhere, and three quarters of a column of advertisements.]

Boston, On *Monday* the 3d. Currant, The Annual Artillery Election Sermon was Preach'd by the Reverend Mr. *Rowland Cotton*, Minister of *Sandwich*, upon these words, *Mat.* 11. 12. *The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth Violence, and the Violent take it by Force.* After Sermon the following Gentlemen were Chosen by the Honourable Artillery Company to be their Officers for the Ensuing Year, *Viz.* Major *Adam Winthrop*, Captain; Captain *Timothy Clarke*, Lieutenant; and Captain *John Ballantine*, Ensign: Whom His Excellency was pleased to Approve of.

On the said day arrived here the *Port Merchant from Lisbon* in 51 days, *John Babbage* Master; there came out in Company with him, Mr. Gerrish for *Piscataqua, via Fyall*, Mr. *Winter* for this place, 10 Sail of large Merchant-men for the *West-Indies*, and 14 Sail for *Newfoundland.*

By whom we are Advised, [Then is printed nearly a half column of minor foreign news items.]

This Port Merchant, whereof *Richard Thomas* was formerly Master, was taken in his Voyage from *Boston* to *Lisbon* by three Letter of Mark-men; all the Commanders were very kind to the said *Thomas*, whom they carried with them to *Martinico*, and the said Vessel was retaken by a Flushing Privateer of 36 Guns, and ransomed again: *Cravat* from *Boston* was also taken, and they gave him his Vessel again.

Mr. *Babbage* further says, That one of the Mast-Ships, & Mr. *Minot* in a Flag Boat, were arrived at *Lisbon* from *England*, who waited for a Convoy to this Place.

On *Tuesday* the 4th Instant, By an Express from the Governour of *Rhode-Island* to His Excellency, we are acquainted, that there is a *French* Privateer on that Coast, who upon *Fryday* the 31st of *May* — Chased one *Walker* in a Sloop from *Connecticut*, so that he and his men was forced to leave his Sloop laden with Provisions, and get on shore at *Watchpoint*. The Government of *Rhode-Island* upon notice had of it, immediately fitted out two Sloops well Mann'd and Arm'd, under Command of Major *Wanton*, and Lieut. *Payn* to go in Quest of the said Privateer. Mr. *Walker* saw the Privateer take the Provisions out of his Sloop, and then turn her a drift.

On *Thursday* the 6th Currant, there came an Express to His Excellency from the Province of *Main*, giving an Account, that 6 or 8 of the Skulking Enemy Indians on *Tuesday* last came unawares upon 3 or 4 persons that were working in their field at *Cachethe*, and kill'd two of them being Young men, e're they could escape to the Garison, as the other did.

On the said Day the Assembly Elected Two of Her Majesty's Council for this Province, to make up the Number of 28. Viz *Benjamin Brown* Esq. and *Ephraim Hunt* Esq. and His Excellency Approved of the Choice.

Since our Last there was chosen the following Gentlemen to Serve in the General Court as Representatives of the following Towns, *viz.* For *Cambridge*, Capt. *Thomas Oliver; John Leverett* Esq. the late Representative for that Town, being chosen One of Her Majesty's Council: for *Little Compton* *Col. *Benjamin Church*, and for *Mendon*, *Mr. *William Holebrook*.[150]

On Fryday the 7th Currant, arrived here Capt. *Tho. Gwin*, and Capt. *Beamsly Perkins*, in 17 days from *Antigua*, with whom came out for this place *David Bucklin*, and *John Taylor*, who Sailed the same day about 6 hours before them, by whom we are acquainted, That Mr. *Nathaniel Harris* for Boston, and Mr. *Andrew Pepyril* for *Piscataqua* Sailed from *Antigua* about 16 days before they came out.

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150 See foot-note, 149, p. 330 *ante*.

That in the Lat of 19 and 40. Capt. *Perkins* met a large Ship of Force, who gave him Chase, which Ship he saw take a Sloop, whom he fears to be *Taylor*. That there was a Flag of Truce returned from *Martinico* to *Antigua* the 10th of *May* last with all the *English* Prisoners from thence, by whom we are advised, That the *French* Squadron were all gone to the Leeward, (excepting one 70 Gun Ship, that was going Convoy of the *Martinico* Fleet for *France*) and were to stop at St. *Domingo*, where they expected a considerable Force to join them, in order to attack *Curacoa* or *Jamaica:* That the *Dutch* Fleet from *Curacoa* to *Holland*, consisting of above 100 Sail were gone home. That Capt. *Crapo* in a Ship of 14 Guns, who was upon this Coast last year, was Sailed from *Martinico* 14 days before the last Flag of Truce to *Antigua* came from thence, and was gone for St. *Domingo*, in order to join some *French* Ships of War to come upon the Coast of *N. E.* That they expected Monsieur *Du Casse* at *Martinico*. That there was lately a great Storm at *Martinico*, wherein they Lost 12 Sail of Vessels, 4 whereof were Privateers, and the rest Prizes. That there was a Spy Boat from *Barbadoes* at *Antigua*, waiting for the Return of the Flag of Truce from *Martinico*, which Spy Boat return'd to *Barbadoes* upon the Arrival of the Flag of Truce, and upon their Arrival at *Barbadoes:* It is not doubted, but the long Embargo upon Vessels there will be taken off.

On Saturday the 8th Currant, arrived here *David Bucklin* from Antigua.

This day was Interr'd the Corps of Mr. *Jonathan Balston*, who dyed on Thursday last. in the 89th year of his Age.

Coasters, Entered Outward, for Connecticut, *Elisha Hedge*, *Andrew Wager*, *James Blin*, and *William Rhodes:* for New-York, *Joseph Concklin*. Foreign Inwards, from Lisbone, *John Babbage* Ship Oporto Merchant: from St. George, *William Goddard* Brigt. Seaflower: from Antigua, *Thomas Gwin* Brigt. Eliz. and *Beamsly Perkins* Eagle Galley. Cleared Outwards, for New-foundland, *Solomon Gardner* Sloop Mary: for Curacoa, *Thomas Andrews* Ketch Mary. Outward bound, for Antigua, *John Rawlins* Sloop Mary: for Oporto, *Samuel Turill* Ship John & Timothy: for Newfoundland *John Sharp* Sloop Four friends.

On the 9th Arrived *Nathanael Jarvies* from Antigua.

BY *last Years Bill of Mortality for the Town of* Boston *in* Numb 100 News-Letter, *we are furnished with a list of* 44 *Negroes dead last year, which being computed one with another at* 30 l. per *Head, amounts to the Sum of One Thousand three hundred and Twenty Pounds, of which we would make this Remark; That the Importing of Negroes into this or the Neighbouring Provinces is not so beneficial either to the*

Crown or Country, as White Servants would be.

For Negroes do not carry Arms to defend the Countrey, as Whites do.

Negroes are generally Eye-Servants, great Thieves, much addicted to Stealing, Lying and Purloining.

They do not People our Country as Whites would do whereby we should be strengthened against an Enemy.

By Encouraging the importing of White Men Servants, allowing somewhat to the Importer, most Husbandmen in the Country might be furnished with Servants for 8, 9, or 10 l. *a Head, who are not able to Launch out* 40 *or 50* l. *for a Negro the now common price.*

A Man then might buy a White Man Servant we suppose for 10 l. to Serve 4 years, and Boys for the same price to Serve 6, 8 or 10 years: If a White Servant die, the Loss exceeds not 10 l. *but if a Negro dies, 'tis a very great loss to the Husbandman; Three years Interest of the price of the Negro, will near upon if not altogether purchase a White Man Servant.*

If Necessity call for it, that the Husbandman must fit out a man against the Enemy; if he has a Negro he cannot send him, but if he has a White Servant, 'twill answer the end, and perhaps save his Son at home.

Were Merchants and Masters Encouraged as already said to bring in Men Servants, there needed not be such Complaint against Superiours Impressing our Children to the War, there would then be Men enough to be had without Impressing.

The bringing in of such Servants would much enrich this Province, because Husbandmen would not only be able far better to manure what Lands are already under Improvement, but would also improve a great deal more that now lyes waste under Woods, and enable this Province to set about raising of Naval Stores, which would be greatly advantagious to the Crown of England, *and this Province.*

For the raising of Hemp here, so as to make Sail-cloth and Cordage to furnish but our own Shipping, would hinder the Importing it, & save a considerable sum in a year to make Returns for which we now do, and in time might be capacitated to furnish England *not only with Sail-cloth and Cordage, but likewise with Pitch, Tar, Hemp and other Stores which they are now obliged to purchase in Foreign Nations.*

Suppose the Government here should allow Forty Shillings *per head for five years, to such as should Import every of these years 100 White Men Servants, and each to Serve 4 years, the cost would be but 200 l. a year, and a 1000 ls for the 5 years: The first 100 Servants being free the 4th year, they serve the 5th for Wages, and the 6th there is 100 that goes out into the Woods, and settles a 100 families to Strengthen and Baracado us from the Indians, and so a 100 Families more every year successively.*

And here you see that in one year the Town of Boston *has lost 1320 l. by 44 Negroes, which is also a Loss to the Country in general, and for a less Loss, (if it may improperly be so called) for a 1000 l.* the *Country may have 500 Men in 5 years time for the 44 Negroes dead in one year.*

A certain person within these 6 years had two Negroes dead computed both at 60 l. which would have procured him six white Servants at 10 l. per head to have Served 24 years, at 4 years apiece, without running such a great risque, and the Whites would have strengthened the Country; that Negroes do not.

'Twould do well that none of those Servants be liable to be Impressed during their Service of Agreement at their first Landing.

That such Servants being Sold or Transported out of this Province during the time of their Service, the Person that buys them be liable to pay 3 l. *into the Treasury.*[151]

New-Haven, May 29. To Morrow is a Publick day of Fasting & Prayer appointed throughout our Colony, much on the same grounds of that kept in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay & N. Hampshire in *April* last.

On the 23d Currant, We had here a Storm of Thunder & Hail, whereby two men working on a Vessel upon the Stocks were smitten, the one down to the ground who lay near half an hour without any appearance of Life, the other smitten so as to fall against the side of the Vessel, both since well in Body and Mind, but do declare, that they neither heard the Thunder nor saw the Lightning that did them this harm. We have had several great Rains of late besides that I formerly wrote you of, which has caused great Floods in our small Rivers.

Piscataqua, June 7th. On Wednesday last was Launched here the *Lusitania* Galley, burthen about 500 Tuns, whereof Capt. *John Wentworth* is Commander. And yesterday Mr. *John Shaplie* and his Son being Riding on the Road near Kittery, their Horses were found all bloody without their Riders; a Party of the Garison that went out in Quest of the Sculking Enemy, found Mr. *Shaplies* Body, and his head cut off, but cannot tell what is become of the Son.

New-port Rhode-Island, June 7. On the 2d. Instant, at 8 a Clock in the morning, there came to our Governour one John Walker (Master of a Sloop bound to Boston from Connecticut, loaden with 78 barrels of Pork, 7 of Beef, 700 bushels of Wheat and Indian Corn) who gave his Honour this Account, That on Saturday last in the afternoon he had been Chased in the Sound by a French Privateer Sloop, and to avoid being taken, he & his men got into their small

151 One of the earliest public utterances against slavery in the colonies.

boat, and left their Sloop to the mercy of the Privateer who took her, and they getting on shore at Watch-Hill, Alarmed the people all along Narraganset shore and Stonington, where it was Lined with near 1000 men in Arms. Mr. Walker himself made the best of his way hither; and upon his Arrival, our Governour immediately issued forth a Proclamation for Voluntiers, and in less than 2 hours time, we had 2 Sloops fitted out with 100 and odd men well armed, under Command of Major William Wanton and Capt. Thomas Payne, who Sailed from hence about 10 a Clock in the morning, and about 2 a Clock in the afternoon made themselves Masters of the Privateer and her Prize about 3 Leagues to the Southward of Block-Island, and brought her on Monday last in here about 10 a Clock in the morning. The Privateer seeing 2 Sloops after him did not fight. The Sloop is of about 30 Tons, 37 men, sails well, the Captains name is Charles Ferret has his Commission from Petitguavus, she was bound for Port-Royal, in order to Cruise this Summer on the New-England Coast.

Yesterday was held here a Court of Admiralty by the Hon. Nathaniel Byfield Esq. Judge thereof, where the said Privateer was Condemned by his Honour gratis, to Encourage so noble and valorous an Action.

New-York, June 3.

His Excellency Edward Viscount Cornbury, *Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Colony of New-York and Territories depending thereon,* &c. His SPEECH *to the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Assembly now Sitting in the City of* New York, *upon Wednesday the* 29th. *of May* 1706.

Gentlemen,

THE Service of Her most Sacred Majesty the Queen, in the Neighbouring Colony, having Obliged me to Prorogue this Assembly to the Month of *September* next, I should not have given you the trouble of meeting till that time, were I not forced to it by an indispensible necessity, the repeated Advices our Merchants here have received from their Correspondents in the *West-Indies*, of the design the *French* have of attempting this Colony, has made me think it of absolute necessity to call you together at this time, that all proper measures may be taken, for the defence of this Place, which as yet lies very open, naked and defenceless.

There are two things therefore which I shall chiefly recommend to your care, one is the providing a Fund for the Fortifying this City; the other is, the providing a Fund for the Repairing this Her Majesties Fort, which is extreamly out of Order, and for mounting the Guns, most of the Carriages being rotten and unserviceable. These two

things are of absolute necessity, and without which, it is to be feared this place may become a prey to a powerful enemy, who can design no less, than to lay it waste, and destroy it, as they have done the Islands of *Nevis* and St. *Christophers*, whose misfortunes I hope will be an inducement to you to make effectual provision for the defence of this Colony: And you may be sure, that whatever you shall think fit to give, shall be applied to the Uses for which you give it, and to no other.

Gentlemen,

I must take notice to you, that the last Assembly did pass an Act for the Raising the Sum of 1500 *l.* towards the erecting Batteries at the Narrows, which would have been of very great use at this time had that Money been collected, but it has not: I am sensible that some malicious ill minded people have reported, That I had taken that Money into my hands; that the truth therefore may be known, and I justifyed, I recommend it to you Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, to make a strict enquiry into that Tax I think it proper to recommend to you, the Reviving the Militia Act, which expired by its own Limitation in the year 1704. And I am the rather Induced to do it at this time, because in this time of danger, if there is not some Law past to keep the people to their Duty, I shall be forced to put Martial Law in practice, which I am sure will fall heavier, than any Act of Assembly will do. I cannot conclude without putting you in mind of the necessity of making provision for Out-scouts this next Winter, to be sent from *Albany*. These are the things I thought proper to recommend to you, and which I hope you will provide for with all possible dispatch, because I think the nature of the thing requires it. If you can think of any thing else that may require the Aid of an Act of Assembly at this time, you shall always find me ready to do anything that shall be proposed to me, for the QUEENS Service and the good of the Country.

The House being met on *Thursday* the 30th of *May*, and a Debate arising concerning the Legality of the present meeting of the General Assembly, which stands Prorogued till the 12th of *September* next.

Resolved, Nemine contradicente, That in regard of the indispensible Necessity mentioned in his Lordships Speech, of which this House is deeply sensible, they will sit and proceed to give their best Assistance towards the necessary Defence of this Colony.

Resolved, That the City of *New-York* be immediately fortified.

Resolved, That this House will raise a Fund towards the defraying the Charge of the Fortifications of the *City* of *New-York*.

Resolved, That this House will to Morrow Morning resolve into a Committee of the whole House to consider of ways and means

for the raising a Fund for defraying the Charge of Fortifying the City of *New-York*.

Ordered, That ——— be a Committee of this House to inspect and examine what Sum of Money has been raised and paid in, by virtue of a late Act of General Assembly for raising 1500 *l.* towards erecting Batteries at the Narrows, and make their Report thereof to this House.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to revive the Militia Act, lately expired by its own Limitation.

Resolved, That a Fund be raised for the payment of Scouts for the Fronteers at *Albany* for the year ensuing.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Ordered, That his Excellencys Speech and the Votes of this House be forthwith Printed.[152]

Our Fortifications are briskly carried on, we having some days 400 men at work, & seldom less than 200. The Country are very ready in their Assistance, and have sent us 150 men at a time to work, & we hope in a short time to be in a good posture of defence.

Her Majesty's Ship Lowstaffe, Capt. Jeffers and a Brigt. Sailed out of Sandyhook yesterday morning for Virginia, the Merchantmen are bound with the Fleet for London.

On Saturday last His Excellency my Lord Cornbury went to his Government of New-Jersey, and is expected back to morrow.

Outward bound are 4 Sloops, one for London, Via Virginia, the rest for Madera, Barbadoes, and St. Thomas.

Plimouth[Eng.], *Decemb* 28 This day arrived here Her Majesty's Ship the *Deal Castle* from *New York*.

Falmouth, *Decemb*. 29. The 26th Her Majesty's Ship the *Nonsuch* put into this port from *New-York*, whence she Sailed the first Instant, in company of the *Mermaid* and *Deal Castle*, with about 19 Sail of Merchant men under their Convoy; but was separated from them the 6th by bad Weather.

Advertisements.

M*Agnalia Christi Americana:* Or, the Ecclesiastical History of *New-England*, from its first Planting in the year 1620, unto the year of our Lord 1698, in folio, containing 820 Pages in 7 Books, wherein you have the Lives of the Governours, Magistrates, and Divines; an Account of the University of *Cambridge*, with the Lives of the Benefactors and Eminent Persons Educated therein: The

152 This speech and the resolves are in the Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, Gaine edition, Vol. I, pp. 212-213.

Order in the Churches and Synods: Many Illustrious Providences of Mercy and Judgement; and Afflictions of the Churches from several Adversaries, and remarkable Occurences in the Wars with the Indians To be Sold by *Benjamin Eliot* at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston. *Price*, Twenty Shillings.[153]

A New Edition of the *New-England* PSALM-BOOK, Printed with a New, Fair Character, and on good fine Paper; with a New Set of most Common Tunes, more free from Errors than heretofore. To be Sold also by *Benjamin Eliot* at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in *Boston:* & *Nicholas Boone* at his Shop near School-house Lane.[154]

TO Be Sold at the Post-Office in *Boston:* The Monthly Mercury's at 12 *d* a Piece: London Gazetts, Flying-Posts, Post-Man, Post-Boy, Bills of Entry, Price Courants, Observators, at 1 *d.* per Piece; and the Boston News-Letter for the first two years, at 2 *d.* per Piece. So that any Persons in Town or Country in this or the Neighbouring Provinces, may have the same, agreeing with *John Campbell*, Post-Master of *Boston* for all, or any of the same.

ANy Person that wants to buy a Set of New-Halbards, may inquire of John Campbell Post-master and know further.

TO be Lett or Sold at Charlestown on reasonable Terms, A House & Land, Barn, Gardens, with other accomodations, and a Dock and Ship-yard belonging thereunto, with all necessarys for a Shipwright; Inquire of Mr. Samuel Ballard of said Town, and know further.

[Reprinted: reward offered for return of a stolen boat, money to loan, and negro slaves to be sold, as in June 3; News-Letter advertisement, as first in May 13.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** June 10. to **Monday** June 17. 1706.

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[A RETURN is made to the four page folio size. At the head of the first column of the first page, under date "London, December 31, 1705," begins a review of the European events of the year, and this is preceded with an editorial introduction. The review fills the entire first page and one and a half columns on the

153 This work originally advertised in the News-Letter of March 11, 1706.
154 See advertisement in News-Letter, May 6, 1706.

second page. In half a column of the second page and all the third page is foreign news from Paris, Frankfort, Vienna, Venice, Hague, Madrid, and elsewhere, of January dates. There is one full page of domestic news.]

THE Reader having favourably received the Epitome's we have hitherto made at the conclusion of each year, of the chief Actions transacted therein, we shall pursue our usual method, and present him with a short account of the most material Occurences that have happened in this present year. [Here follows the review.]

Falmouth, Jan. 3. . . . Two other *Dutch* Privateers have brought in two *French* Prizes of about 200 Tuns each, laden with Sugar, Coco, and other Goods, from *Martinico.*

New-York, June 10. On the 4th Instant arrived here Capt. Creago in 19 days from St. Thomas, who brings News, That Monsieur Deberville with the French Squadron was gone to St. Domingo, and that Monsieur du Casse was not yet arrived in Martinico. They had advice there by a Sloop from Martinico, that a Ship was arrived there from France which saw 14 (some Letters say 24) English Men of War go into Madera, supposed to be bound to the West-Indies, upon which the Governour of Martinico will admit but a few Privateers to go out at a time, and not above 3 weeks Cruise.

The same day arrived a Prize Sloop loaden with Martinico Cocoa, and bound from thence to St. Domingo, she was taken by a Privateer belonging to Curacoa and sent hither, with whom Capt. Pennistone a few days after Concerted; Penniston's Periawger had taken a Spanish Privateer of 4 Guns and 30 men; Pennistone was waiting in Kids river in expectation of a Prize, and writes that 15 Galloons were arrived in the West Indies.

On the 8th Instant arrived here a Ship from Bristol, one Cockerin Master, who came out the 23d of March in Company of 24 Sail bound for Virginia and Maryland: By whom we are advised [here follow several short items of foreign news.]

Capt. Bond for New-York was in the Downs the 16th March whom we expect with the Virginia Convoy, and we expect another from London with the Newfoundland Fleet.

Our Assembly have Voted 3000 l. for fortifying of this City.

Rhode-Island, June 14th. There is arrived here from Barbadoes in 16 days Philip Lewis in Brigt. Hope, *Elery*, Sloop Benjamin & Abigail, and *Chapman*, Sloop Dove; who came out in company with several Vessels for the Continent.

Dedham, June 15th. On Thursday the 13th. Currant, We had

here a Shower of Rain, accompanyed with great Thunder and Lightning, whereby the House of Mr. *Vigilans Fisher* (in the middle of the Town) was smitten, several Bricks beat off the Chimny, falling down on the fore-side of the House, one of the Spars of the House Split from the Chimney down-wards to the Plate, and from thence taking the Post of the fore door, Split that also, Carrying one piece of it to the other side of the Street, several pieces of Bricks fell down the Chimney very near to a Child sitting in the Corner, several pieces of Clap boards broken and beat off the House: The Lower Room (where the People were) fill'd with a smell of Sulphur for a Considerable time, but (through Mercy) no Person kill'd or hurt.

Boston, On Monday the 10th. Currant arrived here Capt. *Rows* in the Flag of Truce, that went for *Port-Royal*, in order to the Exchange of Prisoners, who has brought with him Seven, and Eight more are on board of a Briganteen that is not yet arrived, who are all the English Prisoners that were there. Capt. *Rows* acquaints us, that there is a Privateer of 10 Guns designed from *Placentia*, to touch at *Port-Royal*, in order to Cruise upon this Coast.

The Briganteen that Capt. *Rows* Ransomed was designed to be fitted out at *Port-Royal*, to be a Privateer to annoy this Coast.

Mid-week the 12th. Instant, Upon Representation of the Danger of an Attack from Her Majesties Enemies the French, the Inhabitants of the Town of *Boston*, have Voluntarily consented and agreed, That the Sum of *One Thousand Pounds* be raised on the said Town, and applyed to the repairing of the Fortifications within the same, and setting them in order for Her Majesties Service, according to such Directions as shall be given by His Excellency.[155]

On *Fryday* the 14th. Currant arrived here, *Azor Gale* in 19 days from Barbadoes, who came out in Company with about 70 Sail of Vessels, whereof about 30 Sail for Boston, Salem, Marblehead and Piscataqua; some for Rhode-Island, New-York, Pensilvania, Virginia, Carolina, and London.

On Saturday the 15th. Currant, we had an Alarm here, occasioned by 12 Sail of Vessels from *Barbadoes*, which begun about nine a Clock in the fore-noon, and in less than an Hour, we had near upon 1400 Men in Arms (besides Seamen, and those at the Forts and Batteries) whom His Excellency was pleased to review.

Coasters Entered Inward, *Roundy* from Salem, *Lothrop* from Connecticut, *Jackson* from Piscataqua, and *Dirick Adolph* from New-York. Outward, *John Hobbs* Ketch Lamb for New-Haven, and *Richard Christophers* Sloop Grace & Ruth for New-London.

155 See Boston Records from 1710 to 1728 (City Document No. 137, 1882) pp. 39-40.

Foreign Inward, from Antigua, *Nathanael Harris* Brigt. Swallow, and David *Bucklin* Brigt. Randall, from Barbadoes, *Joseph Everton* Brigt. Eliz. *John Pullin* Brigt. Dove. & *Azor Gale* Ship Friend-ship: from Hundoras *Jer. Snow* Hopewell Pink. Cleared Outward, for Jamaica, *John Elkins* Sloop Boneto, and for Fiall, *Thomas Sill* Brigt. William & Mary. Outward bound, for Newfoundland *Michael Gill* Boston Galley; for Antigua *John Horton* Brigt. Tryal: for Montserrat *John Blue* Brigt. Dragon, and *Francis Norris* Sloop Sea-flower: for Fyall *William Clarke* Sloop Endeavour, and *Abel Jones* Sloop Larke: for Barmuda *Solomon Pittman* Brigt. Content: for Barbados *Joseph Eliot* Sloop Nonsuch, and *Nathaniel Carey* Sloop Katherine: and for Jamaica *John Venteman* Martha and Elizabeth.

Arrived this day from *Barbados*, Capts. *Samuel Rymes, John Alden, William Holberton, William Alden, James Berry, John Corney, Tho. Simkins, William Fellows, Tobias Green, Jonathan Lambert, Goold.*

BY Letters from London of *April* the 3d. Per the Packet *via* Barbadoes we have the following Account.

Deal, Feb. 22. This day came in the Mermaid from *Ireland* Convoy to the George, Marlborough, Desire, Laurel, Indigo Merchant, Robert and Francis from Jamaica; Also the Golden Fleece *Benjamin Stone*; the Thomas and Sarah *Henry Lowder* from New-England; the Resolution Capt. *Saunders* from N-York, all last from Ireland.

Plimouth, March 5. Yesterday came in the good Intent from Pensilvania.

Dartmouth, March 5. This day came in the Dover Galley *Clement Jackson* Commander, belonging to New-England, but last from Jamaica.

London, March 15. We have an Account that the Queen Anne Packet from the West Indies, is carried in to St *Malo*.

Deal, March 16. Yesterday arrived several Ships from Holland, among which is the Sarah of Boston for N England.

In our last under *Boston*, thro' an Error of the Press, Lieut. *Payn*, should have been Captain *Payn*.

Advertisements.

RAN-away at Boston on the 26th of December last, Samuel Downs, a Man-Servant, aged about 25 years, a spare man, middle Stature, light brown Hair, speaketh broad English; he was in May last at work in Sea-brook in Connecticut Colony, and now abscondeth from the said place: Whoever will take up and secure the said Run-away, so that he may be delivered unto Mr. John Colman Merchant in Boston, shall be immediately paid Five Pounds, and Charges.

THis Letter of Intelligence is to be continued weekly: And all Persons in Town and Country who have a mind to promote the same, may Agree with John Campbell Postmaster of Boston for the year, who shall have it on reasonable Terms.

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[A LITTLE more than three of the four pages of this issue are filled with foreign news: of January and February dates, principally from London, Vienna, Berlin, Ratisbon, Hague and other European capitals. One of the roundabout methods of securing news in those days is indicated by this line on the second page of the issue: "*By Letters from* London *of* April 6. Per *the Packet*, Via Barbadoes, *we have the following Account.*" The domestic news includes a proclamation by Governor Dudley "against false and illegal traders."]

Falmouth, Jan. 12. . . . The 10th was sent in here as a Prize, by a Privateer belonging to *Guernsey*, the Pearl of *Morlais*, of 12 Guns, laden with Wine, Arms, Iron, and other Goods for the *West-Indies*

London, Jan. 5. . . . Our Squadron for *Barcelona* is fitting out with all expedition; as also another for the *West-Indies.*

London, April 6. Capt. Kere in the *Bredah*, Commands the *West India* Squadron, having a Rear-Admirals Pay, and a Captain under him.

New-York June 17th. On Thursday last Her Majesties Ship Tritons Prize[156] Sailed from hence, on a Cruise to the Eastward.

On the 13th Instant arrived here Captains *Dunscum, Van Bael*, & on the 14th *Perkins* & *Laurier* from Barbadoes in 19 days, came out in Company with a great Fleet for *Boston, Pensilvania*, &c.

The same day arrived Capt. *Coerteen* in 18 days from *Curacoa*, by whom we are informed, That Three French Men of War had taken Two Dutch East-India men, which had on board 60 Chests of Money, besides other Goods, & were gone after Four more, which had parted with the Two taken a few days before. The French gave the Prisoners

156 The Triton's Prize was a man-of-war captured from the French and renamed as the prize of its captor.

a small ship in which they arrived at *Curacoa:* The Dutch men were bound to the East-Indies.

On the said day arrived a Sloop from *Nevis*, & *Gravenraedt* from *Boston:*

On the 16th Instant a small Prize Ship about 60 or 70 Tons loaden with Sugar arrived here in 15 days, from the Windward passage near Cape *Franswa*, she was taken by Capt. *Penistone*, and was one of Six Sail, that came out of *Petitguavus*, bound for France, who were met by Capt. *Tongrelow* and his Consort (a Curacoa Privateer) upon which the French men separated, and *Tongrelow* gave chase to the biggest, which they say is a Ship of 36 Guns and 150 men, his Consort in the pursuit broke his Boom, and left off the chase, and afterward met with *Penistone* (who had taken this Prize) and gave him this Information: We daily expect further news from them.

'Tis said *Tongrelow* has taken a Briganteen with 400 Hogsheads of Sugar on board, and also a Prize from France with Claret, of which we have not the particulars: by this Prize we have Account that 15 Galloons are arrived in the West Indies most of them 60 Guns, and 5 or 600 men a piece.

We do not hear that the Men of War from *England* to Convoy the Virginia Fleet home are yet arrived.

We are informed from *Maryland*, That the Assembly there has past an Act Prohibiting the exportation of all European Commodities out of that Province for three years, excepting Goods consigned or belonging to Persons residing in *Virginia*, or *Pensilvania*, and Merchandize Imported in order to be Shipt off for the Coast of *Guinea*.

Hadley, June 15. On *Thursday* the 13th Currant There were Two men kill'd in our Meadows by Lightning.

Watertown, June 19. On the 16th Currant, Dyed here, Mrs. *Elizabeth Beers* (Widow of Capt. *John Beers* who was kill'd at *Deerfield* in the first *Indian* Wars) in the 92 Year of her Age: whose Grand-Daughter is a Grandmother; She came to *New-England*, in *June* 1630 Being then Sixteen Year Old, and lived in *New-England* 76 Years.

By His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esq. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England*, and Vice-Admiral of the same. A PROCLAMATION against false and illegal Traders.

W*Hereas sundry Persons have been detected of late holding a false and illegal Trade with Her Majesties Enemies, the* French *and the* Indian *Rebels and Enemies, in and about* Nova Scotia, *and other parts and places* Eastward, *giving them Supplies: And there being*

just reason to suspect that other Persons, not yet known, have been concern'd in such false and illegal Trade, and the Effects conceal'd.

I *Do therefore, by the Advice of Her Majesties Council, hereby strictly Command and Require all Her Majesties Loving Subjects that have any Knowledge, or can make discovery of any such false & illegal Traders, or any Goods or Effects Imployed therein, or the product thereof, That they forthwith disclose and make known the same to My Self, or one of Her Majesties Judges of the Superiour Court of Judicature, in Order to their being apprehended, Examined and duly proceeded with, and the said Goods Secured.*

And the Person or Persons that make the first discovery shall be Entituled to the benefit of Informers according to Law.

And all Justices of the Peace are commanded to be assisting to the apprehending Seizing and Securing of any Persons or Goods as above-said.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the 21st of *June* 1706.
In the Fifth Year of Her Majesties Reign,

By His Excellency's Command,
with the Advice of the Council. J. DUDLEY.
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

His Excellency the Governour has Account from *Quebeck*, That Mr. Shelden his Messenger is well there, and is Returning by Sea with a number of the Prisoners, and may be daily expected.

Boston, Coasters Entered Inwards, *John Tucker* from North Carolina: from Connecticut *John Smith*, *Thomas Curtice*, *John Walker*, *Will. Walter*, *Joseph Allen*, *John Hedge* & *John Paine*. Outward for Connecticut, *Nath. Loring*, and *Elisha Prince:* for Piscataqua *Joseph Flood* and *Antony Bracket:* for North Carolina, *John Webster*. Foreign inwards from Barbadoes, *Will. Holberton Ship* Anne, *Nath. Coffin*, Ship Industery, *James Berry* Ship Swan, *Tho. Savil* Ship Two Brothers, Will. Alden Ship Content, *Samuel Rymes* Barbadoes Merchant, *Jonathan Lambert* Ship Industry, *John Alden* Ship Swallow, *John Symkins* Ship Blessing, *John Foster* Ship Sarah, *Tobias Green* Brigt. Mayflower, *Thomas Symkins* Providence Brigt. *John Walker* Brigt. Hopewell, *John Corney* Brigt. Dorothy, *Will. Wyat* Brigt. Endeavour, *Philip Lewis* Brigt. Hope, *Will. Bellows* Sloop Rosanna, *Jer. Cushing* Sloop Industry, *Robert Gold* Sloop Mary. Cleared Outward, for New-York, *Jeffery Bedgood*, Sloop Two Brothers: for Fyal *John Jarvis* Brigt. Goodwill: for Antigua, John *Rawlings* Sloop Mary. Outward bound for South Carolina, *Nath. Perkins* Brigt, Success: for Suranam, *Joseph Fiborn* Brigt Friendship, and *Jer. Cushing* Sloop Industry: for Newfoundland *Will. Webber* Sloop

Dove: for Virginia *John Brewer* Katch Good-hope: for *New-York* Dirick Adolph Sloop Two Brothers: for St. Georges *Will Goddard* Brigt. Speedwell.

Advertisements.

Stolen or Stray'd out of John Reed's Pastour in Taunton, on the 13th of October last past, a dark Bay-horse of about Fourteen Hands high, having white Feet, and a Star in his Forehead, branded in one of his Shoulders with the Letters T. H, full bodyed, hardly possible to make him Gallop; belongeth to William Grigs Cooper. Whosoever shall take up the said Horse and him Convey to Mr. John Adams Shop-keeper in Boston, shall have 40 s. Reward and reasonable Charges, tho' the Horse be not worth half the Money.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as in June 17.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday June 24. to Monday July 1. 1706.

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[FOUR pages folio. In the first column of the first page is this introductory line, "*By Letters from* London *of* April *the 6th. per the Packet* Via Barbadoes, *we have this further Account.*" Then follow forty-six items of foreign news filling the first, second and third pages and nearly half of the fourth page.]

Madrid, Feb. 12. . . Advices from Cadiz say, that the Duke of *Anjou* has ordered the Galloons to prepare to Sail to the *West-Indies* the latter end of this Month.

Falmouth, Feb. 25. Yesterday came in the great *Nassau*, a Privateer of *Flushing*, who has taken two *French* Prizes, one a Merchant-man of 18 Guns which came from the *West Indies.*

Cowes, Feb. 27. Three *Dutch* Capers have brought in here the *Nostra Segniora De Rosa* of St. *Sebastian* from the *Havanna*, laden with Sugar, Indico, *&c.*

Rhode-Island, June 21st. On the 16th instant arrived here *Edward Gross* in the Sloop Speedwell 14 days passage from *Antigua*, who says, That just before he came from thence the Flagg of Truce arrived from Martinico, which positively said, That there was four Privateer Sloops Sailed from Martinico for the New-England Coast before he left that Island.

Her Majesties Ship the Triton Prize[157] lay here three dayes, and Sailed on her Cruise a Tuesday.

New-York, June 24th. Yesterday arrived at *Sandyhook* Her Majesties Ship the Triton Prize,[157] She has been Cruising between this Place, and *Rhode-Island* and *Block-Island, &c.* but met with no Enemy. We are acquainted *via. Philadelphia,* That the Virginia Convoy consisting of 4 men of War were arrived, but have no particulars, so cannot depend on it. This morning arrived a Sloop from Curacoa in 25 days, but brings no News. Outward bound are *Whitecomb* for Barmuda, *Lawrence* for Jamaica, *Dunscum* for Barbados, *Coerteen* for Curacoa, and *Smallage* for Boston.

Rhode-Island, June 28th. There is a Briganteen in the Sound that has chased some Sloops, but can give no account whither she be friend or foe.

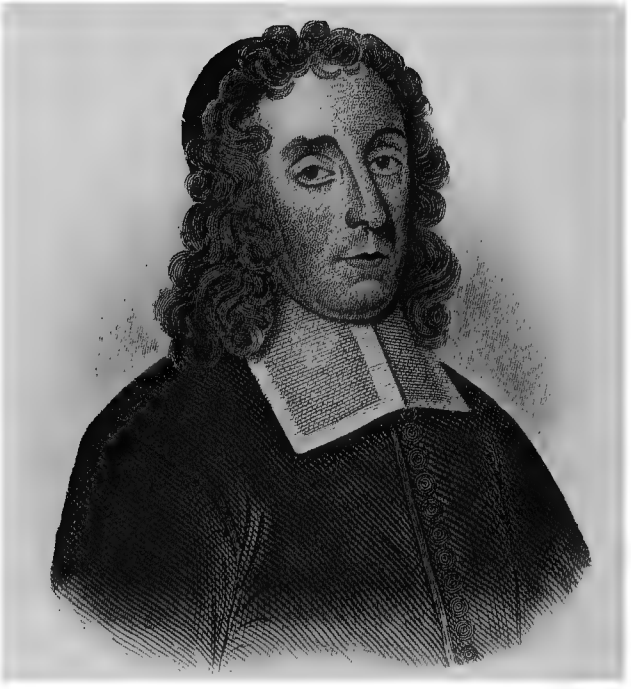
Boston, His Excellency having received some Advice from *Albany,* has marched several Troops and Foot Companies to the Frontiers on Fryday last.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Thomas Lothrop, John Lothrop, Thomas Lothrop, Carteret Gillam* and *John Wells* from Connecticut; *Peter Coffin* from Nantucket, *Abraham Shellinx* and *John Bradick* from New-York. Outwards, *Andrew Pepperil* and *William Wyar* for Piscataqua. Foreign Inwards, from Barbadoes, *James Bridgham* Ship Hampton, and *Joseph Small* Katch Sea-flower. Cleared Outwards for Pensilvania, *Abraham Hill* Ship Andrew and William: for Maryland, *John Brewer* Katch Goodhope: for New-foundland, *George Person* Sloop Mary: South Carolina, *Nathanael Perkins* Brigt. Success. Outward bound, for Barbadoes *Joseph Everton* Brigt. Eliza, *David Bucklin* Brigt. Randal, and *Thomas Pemberton* Sloop Sea-flower: for Antigua, *Thomas Gwin* Brigt. Eliza. and *Nathanael Harris* Brigt. Swallow: for Jamaica *William Russil* Brigt. Dolphin: for Fyall *Noah Guille* Sloop Adventure: for Rhode-Island and Pensilvania, *Eleazar Darby* Sloop Mary.

In our last under *Watertown,* thro' an error of the Press, Capt. *John Beers,* should have been Capt. *Richard Beers.*

These are to give Notice, that by Virtue of a Direction in the Act for Encouraging a Post-Office in this Province: *The Post-master of* Boston *does send out every Two days after that the Post comes in, and after the Receipt of Foreign Letters by Sea; All such Letters and Packets that remain in the Office uncall'd for; And if the Persons they are directed to cannot be found, or that the said Letters or Pacquets are for any Persons in the Neighbouring Towns out of the Post Road; Then*

157 See foot-note 156, page 348 *ante.*



THE REVEREND INCREASE MATHER

Pastor of the Second or North Church, Boston, 1664-1723, President of Harvard College 1685-1701.

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the Names of the said Persons are every day to be seen on a fair Alphabetical List for the Sirname, with the name of the Town they live in: If they are for the Town of Boston, *then no Town added. So that all Persons may know without Enquiring, when they have any Letters in the Office, excepting as above-said, when the Post comes in, or the Arrival of Vessels.*

Advertisements.

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

PRactical Truths, Tending to promote Holiness in the Hearts and Lives of Christians: Delivered in several Sermons; By the Reverend Mr. Increase Mather.

SPiritual Desertions Discovered and Remedied, being the Substance of divers Sermons Preach'd for the help of dark Souls, labouring under Divine Withdrawings.

THe Fountain Opened: Or, The Great Gospel Priviledge of having Christ exhibited to Sinful Men: Wherein also is proved that there shall be a National Calling of the Jews. Both these by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Willard.

AModest Enquiry into the Nature of Witchcraft, and how Persons Guilty of that Crime may be Convicted, and the means used for their discovery discussed; both Negatively and Affirmatively, according to Scripture and Experience. By the Reverend Mr. John Hale Deceas'd.

ANegro Girle to be Sold, Inquire of John Campbell Post-Master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement as first in June 17.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday July 1. to Monday July 8. 1706.

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[SIX and a quarter of the eight columns in this four page number are filled with foreign news which is introduced with this line at the head of the first column of the first page: "*By Letters from* London *of* April *the* 6*th.* per *the Packet* Via Barbadours, *we have yet this further Account.*" The news is of February dates, from Paris, Hague, Cologne, Lisbon, Madrid, Perpignan, Rome and Turin.]

Deal, March 3. There is now in the *Downs* 8 Men of War, and sundry Merchant Ships, *viz.* 2 for the *East-Indies*, 8 for *Barbadoes*,

3 for *Jamaica*, 2 for *Virginia* 1 for the *West-Indies*, 1 for the *Canaries*, 1 for *Antigua*, 1 for *New-York*, 1 for *Nevis*, and 1 for *Viano*.

St. Johns, Newfoundland, June the 9th. There are arrived here from Boston, Carkeit Dafforn, and Moses, Carkeit was chased off Caplin-Bay, by a Vessel that show'd English Colours, he was within two Cannon Shot of her, who fired a Gun to Leeward, but he durst not Trust her. The French and Indians Plundered the People at Bonavist, destroyed one whole Family; and about 16 hundred Quintals of Fish. The Enemy also burnt Green-Island. The Fleet from Lisbone are arrived, but no Ships yet from England besides those mentioned in my last.

New-York July 1st. On the 25th. of June last arrived here Capt. Sandford from South Carolina, and Capt. Joyner on the 27th. from Jamaica, and on the 28th Two Sloops under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Lowstaffe from Virginia; She came from thence the 22d of June, and rydes now at Sandy-hook, by whom we are acquainted, That the Men of War expected there, are not yet arrived, and 'tis thought the Fleet from thence to England will not Sail till September or October. The Ships are all gone up to the Freshes. There is an Embargo in Virginia, and these Sloops had not got out, but for the opportunity of Convoy of the Lowstaffe.

On the 29th arrived here a Prize Sloop loadn'd with Cuba Sugar, she was bound from Cuba to Carthagene, and was taken in sight of Monsieur Deberville, (who was at Anchor in Carthagene or near to it) by Capt. Zacharias in a Privateer Sloop belongs to this place. They bring News that the French Fleet are gone to Carthagene, Porto Bell and other places to load Plate, and that there is to go home with this Fleet Twenty Millions of Money and Plate.

On Thursday last the Militia of this City and the Neighbouring Counties of this Province, appeared here under Arms, who with 700 Men (that were in Arms the day before in New Jersey, and designed to be here had not their Harvest obstructed) amount to about 3000. The most of which can be here upon occasion in 12 hours time, and the furthest off in 24 hours times. A great many of the Country Militia appeared, not being necessitated to attend their Harvest; so that by computation we can have in Arms in 24 hours time in this City between 4 or 5 Thousand men.

We just now hear there is a Briganteen of 150 Tons in the Sound bound hither, she is a Prize loaden with Sugar and Indigo, taken by Capt. Tongrelow.

Her Majesties Ship the Triton Prize lyes at Sandy-Hook, and only waits a wind to go to Sea on a Cruise.

Rhode-Island, July 5th. There is one Carder arrived here this week from Antigua, but brings no News: Rhodes is bound for Boston.

Piscataqua, July 5th. Capt. *Southack* in the Province Galley came in here on Wednesday last, he has taken a French Sloop of 60 Tons in the Bay of Port-Royall, the Enemy all fled, and 'tis supposed she was going for Stones and Timber to build some Fortifications. The Prize Sloop and Capt. *Cawley* was left by Capt. *Southack* in Casko-Bay.

Boston, His Excellency the Governour having been for Ten days past in Expectation of a Troop of the Indians from *Quebeck*, had Posted men in the several Frontiers of *Hampshire*, *Middlesex* and *Yorkshire*, to receive them: and a Wednesday Evening they Entered *Dunstable* a poor weak Village, where lay a Troop of Horse; and the Rebels chanced upon a Garrison where half of the said Troop was, who though they were surprized soon relieved themselves, and the whole Village, which in probability had been all lost, if the Indians had not found a Force there more than they expected. The Enemy consisted of 100, and by their March confess to have lost Seven, besides wounded men, and we lost nine Men Women and Children. [158]

Very soon after by His Excellency's Order, the Forces under Col. *Tyng*, and Col. *Taylour*, marched in three Parties to follow the Rebels into the Woods, but after 3 days they all came in without any discovery. There is another march of 150 men Commanded by Capt. *Tyng* to lye out Ten Days to look after the Enemy, and in the mean time the remaining Forces are taking care to cover the Husbandry of all the Frontiers.

On Saturday arrived a Sloop from *Newfoundland* about 20 days passage, one *Hunt* Master.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Flood* and *Bracket* from Piscataqua. Outwards, *Dirick Adolph* for New-York, *John Lothrop*, *Barnabas Lothrop*, *Giles Hall* and *Joseph Basset* for Connecticut. Foreign Inwards, *Alexander Duncan* Sloop Friendship from Barmuda, Cleared Outwards, *for* Virginia *Moses Abbot* Sloop Endeavour, and *Abel Jones* Sloop Larke: *for* Newfoundland, *Michael Gill* Ship Boston Galley, and *William Webber* Sloop Dove. Outward bound, *for* Barbadoes, *William Wyar* Brigt. Endeavour, *James Loring* Brigt. Industry, and *Isaac Perkins* Sloop Rosanna: *for* Jamaica *John Scott* Brigt. William, and *Thomas Savill* Ship Two Brothers: *for* Suranam, *Philip Lewis* Brigt. Hope: *for* Antigua, *Jeremiah Snow* Pinke Hopewell, *Isaac Fowle* Brigt. Abigail, and *Eleazar Johnson* Brigt. Hope-

158 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 700. See Journal of the Reverend John Pike, in Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1875-1876, p. 142. Also Penhallow's Indian Wars, pp. 43-46.

well: *for* Montserrat, *Samuel Hooper* Katch Endeavour: *for* North-Carolina, *David Northy* Brigt. Speedwell Friend.

Advertisements.

A Katch of 45 Tons well fitted for the Sea, to be Sold Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: negro slave girl to be sold, as in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 117.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday July 8. to Monday July 15. 1706.

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[IN this four page number, five and a half of the eight columns are filled with foreign news, introduced again at the head of the first column of the first page with this line, "*By Letters from* London *of* April *the* 6th per *the Packet* Via Barbadoes, *we have still this further Account.*" The advices are mainly from Paris, Vienna, Madrid, Hague, and "*the* French *Army* near Fraga on the Cinca, March 19."]

Falmouth March 9. On the 7th came in here the *Marlborough*, a Flushing Caper, Capt *Noes* Commander, from Cruising, and brought in with her 2 *French* Ships from *Newfoundland.*

New-York, July 8th. Last Week arrived here a Prize Briganteen taken by Capt *Tongrelow*, bound from Hispaniola to France, built at Brazil, and taken from the Portuguise by the French on the Coast of Guinea, she has on board 24 Hogsheads of Muscavado Sugar, and 2 Casks of Indigo, and Capt. *Tongrelow* sent in her 20 Hogsheads of Claret, some Glasses, and Earthen Ware, which he took in a Vessel bound from France to Hispaniola, which they stript of her Rigging *&c.* and then burnt her. This Prize came through the Sound.

On the 4th Instant arrived here a Sloop in 20 days from Nevis, *John Shute* Master, who brings advice, That 14 Men of War were dayly expected in the West Indies from England.

Shute from Nevis is bound from hence to Boston, who only came here to Land some Passengers.

Yesterday Her Majesty's Ship the Triton's Prize Sailed from Sandy-hook on a Cruise.

Vessels outward bound are 3 Sloops for Barbadoes, a Ship, a Briganteen and Sloop for Jamaica, a Brigt. for Curacoa, a Sloop for Boston, a Sloop for Philadelphia, a Sloop for Antigua.

Reading July 10. On Saturday the 6th Currant about 4 a Clock in the afternoon there came 5 Indians to *Benjamin Horndal's* House of this Town, being an Out house, where they found his Wife and eight Children, the Woman and three young Children they killed, and carried the other five with them; One of the Captive Children not being able to Travel, an Indian gave it some blows on the head, and left it in a Swamp not far from the House for dead, where it lay almost two days, & then was found alive stark naked.

Upon notice had of this mischief on the 7th Instant being the Lords Day; several Parties of our Forces went in pursuit of the skulking Enemy, and as some of the Indians sat in a Swamp with three of the Captives, a Company of Souldiers coming very near them, the Enemy started up, ran, and left their Captives, Plunder and Blankets, *&c.* And when the Indians were gone, the Children went to a deserted House that was near, where the *English* found them.

The other Captive was discovered by some men at a Block-House in *Chelmsford*, as he was wandring in a Meadow alone, the Indian that carry'd him away had (it's most probable) lost him in the night, some Soldiers discovered one of these Indians, shot at, & wounded him, the Indian fell, but as they were going to him, he arose, cast away his Blanket and Pack, ran to *Concord*-River that was near, and was seen sink in the River, and suppose he was drowned.

Woburn, July 11. On the Lords-day night the 7th Currant, Dyed here Major *James Converse* Esq. Aged about 62 Years: And was Interr'd on Tuesday the 9th Instant.

Piscataqua, July, 12th. On Tuesday the 9th Currant arrived here Mr. *Nathanael Gerrish* about 9 Weeks passage from Fyall. And on Thursday the 11th. Her Majesty's Ship the Dover a 4th Rate Capt. *Mathews* Commander, with two Mast-Ships *viz.* The New-Hampshire Capt. *Eason* Commander, and the Thennet Capt. *Martyn* Commander, who came out of Lisbon the 9th of *May*, both loaden with Salt and other goods, bound hence for Boston with the first fair Wind: There came out in Company with them for Boston Capt. *Minot*, Capt. *Javernin*, Capt. *Coggin* and Capt. *Fendal*, whom they parted with about Six Weeks ago.

No late impression of the Enemy, but dayly expected; our Frontiers are in readiness to receive them: several Tracts of the Enemy are dayly seen.

Boston, By Letters of the 15th of *June* Last *via New-York* from South Carolina, we are acquainted, That it is very Sickly there, & that several have lately died.

And by Mr. *Ebenezar Parker* from Barmuda, we are informed, That the Vermin there do so abound as to eat all the Fruits of the ground.

Last Week one of the Sculking Indian Enemy was kill'd at *Groton*, and another at *Kingston*.

On Saturday the 13th. Currant His Excellency the Governour was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province, unto Wednesday the 7th day of *August* next.

Coasters Entered Inwards, from Connecticut *Phillips*, *Hilliard*, *Brown*, *Rhodes and Green*. Outward for Connecticut, *Curtice*, *Hedge*, *Lothrop*, *Walker*, *Allen & Pain*. Foreign Inwards from Barmuda, *Ebenezar Parker* Sloop Dolphin: from St. Christophers, *Thomas Clark* Sloop Endeavour. Cleared Outward for Barbadoes, *John Myles* Ship Unity, *John Jenkins*, Ship Robert, *Thomas Diamond* Ship Abigail, *Joseph Everton* Brigt. Elizabeth, *William Wyer* Brigt Endeavour, *Thomas Pemberton*, Sloop Seaflower, and *Nathanael Carey* Sloop Katherin: for Montserrat, *Francis Norris* Sloop Seaflower, and *John Blew* Brigt Dragon: for Fyall *William Clark* Sloop Endeavour: for Jamaica *Walter Goodridge* Ship Francis, and *William More* Sloop John and Thomas: for Newfoundland *John Babbage* Oporto Merchant, *John Horton* Brigt. Tryal, *John Richards* Brigt Endeavour *John Sharp* Sloop Four Friends and *Robert Melvill* Sloop Timothy: for Barmuda, *Solomon Pitman* Brigt. Content. Outward bound for London, *William Holeberton* Ship Anne, and *George Whitehorne* Ship Anne: for Newfoundland *Arthur Savage* Triton Galley.

On the 14th arrived Capt. *James Grant* in a Katch from Whitehaven, 14 weeks passage.

The French Sloop mentioned in our last to be taken by Capt. *Southack* was taken by Capt. *Cawly*.

THe Undernamed Mareens having Deserted Her Majesties Service from on board Her Majesties Ship the Deptford, Viz William Stewart, *a well set fresh coloured young man, white hair, aged about 24 years, about 5 Foot & 7 Inches high, a Weaver by Trade, now lurking in or about* Scituate. Tristram Derby *a well set man, wore a Wigg, aged about 50 years, about 5 Foot & an half high, by Trade a Miller.* Thomas Hooper, *a well set young man, streight brown hair aged about 24 years, 5 Foot and an half high, a Weaver by Trade; and* Henry Willis *a young man aged about 20, with short cropt hair, Pockholes in his Face, about 5 Foot and 5 Inches high, by Trade a Shoe maker.* If *these or either of them within ten dayes from the Date hereof, repair to their Duty on board Her Majesties said Ship at* Boston, *shall be acquitted of their Crime, and well Received.*

These are therefore to Notify to all Persons, That whosoever shall apprehend and secure the said Deserters or any one of them, (so as that he or they may be delivered unto Capt Thomas Sutton *Commander of the said Mareens at his Lodging in* Boston) *shall be immediately*

paid Four Pounds, *and reasonable Charges; and in case any of them should be brought to* Boston *when Her Majesties said Ship should be at Sea on her Cruise, Then the said Deserters to be brought unto* John Campbell *Post-Master of* Boston.

Advertisements.

THere is now arrived from England good Cordage of all Sizes, from a Spun-yarn to Cables of 16 Inches; as also Canvas, to be Sold by Mr. John Mico Merchant, either by whole Sale or Retail, at his Warehouse upon the Dock in Boston.

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

THe Joy of Faith, or a Treatise opening the Nature of Faith, its lowest Stature and distinction from Assurance, with a Scripture Method to attain both, by the Influence and Aid of Divine Grace: With a Preliminary Tract evidencing the Being & Actings of Faith, the Deity of Christ, and the Divinity of the Sacred Scriptures. By the Reverend Samuel Lee M A Sometime Fellow of Wadham Colledge, Oxon.

MEditations on the Glory of the Lord Jesus Christ: delivered in several Sermons, by the Reverend Mr. Increase Mather.

MEat out of the Eater, or Funeral-Discourses occasioned by the Death of several Relatives. A Work Accomodated unto the Service of all that are in any Affliction; but very particularly such as are Afflicted with the Loss of their Consorts [paper worn] Children

THe Armour of Christianity: A Treatise detecting first the Plots of the Devil against our Happiness. Declaring then, the Wiles by which those Plots are managed. And propounding Lastly, the Thoughts by which those Wiles may be defeated.

CAres about the Nurseries, Two brief Discourses: The one offering Methods and Motives for Parents to Catechise their Children while yet under the Tuition of their Parents. The other offering some Instructions for Children, How they may do well, when they come to years of doing for themselves.

ASermon Preached before His Excellency the Governour, the Honourable Council and Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New England: on the 29th of May 1706, which was the day for Election of Her Majesties Council for that Province: By the Reverend Mr. John Rogers.

ASermon Preached in the Audience of the General Assembly at the Publick Lecture in Boston, November. 1st. 1705. upon these Words, Hosea 7. 9. Gray hairs are here and there upon him yet he knoweth not. By the Reverend Mr. Ebenezar Pemberton. Both

which Sermons were Published at the desire of the House of Representatives.

[Reprinted: a ketch for sale, as in July 8; a negro slave girl to be sold, as first in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday July 15. to Monday July 22. 1706.

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[WITH this issue the size is reduced to two pages folio. As in the several immediately preceding numbers, the foreign news is given as "by letters from London," and is mainly from London, Paris, Vienna and Frankfort, occupying nearly one half of the issue.]

Fiall, June 16. We have here a Sloop and a Brigt. from *Pensilvania.*

Philadelphia, July, 11th. This day arrived here a Barque from Boston, one Hill Master.

New-York, July 15th. On Fryday last Her Majesties Ship the Triton Prize sailed out of Sandy-hook on a Cruise.

Entered out, Two Sloops for Barbadoes, a Ship for England via Virginia, and a Ship for Newfoundland. Capt. Sandford for South-Carolina will Sail about a forthnight hence.

Piscataqua, July, 18th. On Monday the 15th Currant arrived here Capt. Wincoll, who came from Lisbon with the Mast Ships and others for Boston, but stopt at Fyall. No late discovery of the Enemy. Our General Assembly is now Sitting; The Honourable the Lieutenant Governour being present.

Ipswich, July, 19th. Yesterday there was two Women kill'd with Lightning at Cape Anne.

Marblehead, July 20. On Wednesday the 17th Currant arrived here Capt *Samuel Coggin* in the *Sarah* and *Elizabeth*, and Capt. *James Fendal* both from *Lisbon*, they came from thence the 9th of *May* last, in Company & under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Dover;* arrived here also Capt. *Christian*, in a Ship from *England*, bound for *Virginia*, who was beaten off that Coast. And on the said day arrived Capt. *Abraham Winter* in the Ship *Francis*, who came out of *Plimouth* the 8th of *May* last, with a Fleet consisting of about 90 Sail, under Convoy of about 20 Men of War, about 10 Sail whereof under the Command of Sir *Stafford Fairborn*, went to Cruise

before *Brest;* 7 more and 2 Fire-ships under Command of Cap. *Kerr* in the *Bredah*, with about 40 Sail of Merchant-men bound for *Barbadoes* and *Jamaica;* Her Majesty's Ship the *Hazardous* for *Virginia*, Capt. *Brown* Commander, with 5 Sail of Merchant men, and Capt. *John Bond* for *New-York;* Capt. *Winter* parted with them about 150 leagues, from St. *George's* Bank. Her Majesty's Ship the *Warrick* Capt. *Raymond* Commander, with 17 Sail of Merchant-men for *Newfoundland;* There came also out in Company with Capt. *Winter*, one *Dennis* for this place, and *David Craig* in the *Sarah* for *Boston*, he parted with the last about a fortnight ago, and with the first about 10 days ago. We are acquainted by Capt. *Winter*, that Capt. *Beavis*, who Sailed from *Boston* about the middle of *February*, was taken near the Channel, about the middle of *March* last.

That Capt. *Pitts*, Capt. *Gerrish*, and another Ship from *London* to *Boston*, were to Sail about the latter end of this month.

Boston, The following Acts were passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of Her Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay* in *New-England;* Begun & Held at *Boston*, upon *Wednesday* the 29 of *May*, 1706 *Viz.*

An Act *for Reviving and further Continuing of several Acts therin mentioned, that are near expiring, viz The Act to prevent the Deserting of the Frontiers of this Province.* The Paragraph in Addition to the Act *for Levying Souldiers. The Act Granting to Her Majesty an Excise upon Wines, Liquors and Strong Drink Sold by Retail. The Act Granting unto Her Majesty, several Rates and Duties of Impost and Tunnage of Shipping. The Act for Punishing of Officers and Souldiers retained in Her Majestys Service, and under Pay*

An Act for better securing the Payment of Prison Charges

An Act for Reviving and further Continuing of the Act directing how Rates or Taxes to be granted by the General Assembly, shall be Assessed and Collected.

An Act for Erecting of a Powder House within the Town of Boston.

An Act for the better preventing of Criminals avoiding of Justice.

An Act for Apportioning and Assessing of four several Taxes on Polls and Estate, Pursuant to the Funds and Grants made to Her Majesty, by the General Assembly, in the years 1704, 1705, and 1706.

On Wednesday the 17th Instant, arrived here from *Piscataqua*, Her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*, Capt. *Mathews* Commander, and the two Mast-Ships, who arrived last week at *Piscataqua* from *Lisbon*, by whom we are advised, [here follow items of foreign news.]

On *Fryday* the 19th Currant, arrived here a Brigt. from St. *George's*, *Jeremiah Tay* Master, about six weeks passage who informs, [here follow items of foreign news.]

On Saturday the 20th Currant arrived here a Sloop from *South-Carolina* 14 days passage, *Thomas Lanyon* Master, who says, That there was 2 Vessels arrived there from *England*, the one a Brigt. from *Bristol*, 10 days before he Sailed, and the other a Ship from *Liverpool* 7 days, each had at their arrival but 5 weeks passage, both brought the following Account, [here follows an account of the hostilities in Spain.]

Capt. *Tyng* with the Forces under his Command, who went into the Woods from *Dunstable* in quest of the Indian Enemy, is returned without meeting any of them, who are judged to have had a great many wounded men, with whom they are drawn off at some good distance.

At His Excellency's Direction Col. *Taylour* is returned home from the Frontiers, having left them in a good posture of defence.

Coasters Entered Inwards, *Lewis* from Connecticut, & *Flood* from Piscataqua. Outward for Connecticut *Darby*, *Smith* and *Rhodes:* for New-York, *John Bradduck*, and *Abraham Schellinx*. Foreign Inwards from Whitehaven, *James Grant;* from Fyall *Nathaniel Gerrish*, Ship Benjamin and Peter, and *William Rowlson* Sloop Elizabeth. From Lisbon *Josiah Minot* Ship Samuel, *Robert Eason* Ship Hampshire, and *Peter Martin* Ship Thennet: From St. George's *Jeremiah Tay*, Brigt John and Ann: from St. Christophers *Richard* Shute, Sloop Richard: From Exon *Abraham Winter*, Ship Francis. Cleared Outwards for Antigua *Tobias Green* Mayflower, *Nathaniel Harris* Brigt. Swallow, *Isaac Fowle* Brigt. Abigail, and *David Bucklin* Brigt. Randal For Newfoundland *Timothy Kemble* Tritton Galley: For St. Christophers *Daniel Wyborn* Sloop Hawk: for St. George's *William Goddard* Brigt. Sea-flower; for Barbadoes *Isaac Perkins* Sloop Rosanna; for Suranam *Joseph Faborne* Brigt Friendship, *Jeremiah Cushing* Sloop Industry, and *Philip Lewis* Brigt. Hope; for Fyall *Noah Guille* Sloop Adventure. Outward Bound, *Thomas Hunt* for Newfoundland Sloop Panther.

In our Numb. 116. in a Paragraph of N. York thro' an Error of the Press, there is a Comma misplaced at the word appeared which should have been placed at the word not.

Advertisements.

RAn-away from his Master George Robinson Carver of Boston, on Tuesday last the 16th. Currant, A Negro Man-Slave Named Jo, of a middle Stature, well set, Speaks good English, aged about 32 years, has on a sad coloured Jacket, white Shirt, and Leather Breeches. Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Runaway, so that he may be delivered unto his said Master, or give any true Intelligence of him, shall have a Sufficient reward.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday July 22. to Monday July 29. 1706.

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[AS in immediately preceding issues, most of the foreign news in the two pages of this number is "by letters from London," and includes advices from London, Zurich, Hague and elsewhere, of March dates.]

Philadelphia, July 18. On the 16th arrived here one *Keele* in a Sloop from *Antigua* and *Nevis*, who had about 15 days passage from *Anguilla*, who informs that there was a Ship lately arrived at *Nevis* from *England*, who came out with a Squadron of 12 Men of War bound to the *West-Indies*, who put in to *Madera*, but the above Ship made the best of her way: It's said, That General *Park* who was daily expected is on board the Squadron. We are also advised, that Monsieur *Deberville* has written to General *Gabaret* in *Martinico*, that he is bound from St. *Domingo* with 10 Sail of Ships, & about 25 Sail of smaller Vessels to *Jamaica*, and from thence to the Northward (it's thought to *New-York*.) That there are 2 Ships and 2 Sloops gone from *Martinico* to Cruise on the Coast of *New-York*. Yesterday arrived *Erasmus Lowes* in a Ship. from *Whitehaven*, but last from *Bellfast* in *Ireland* about 14 weeks passage: Capt. *Burnam* in a Ship Sail'd yesterday for *Madera;* some Sloops are Lading for *Madera* and *Fyall*, and several for *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica* and *Virginia*.

New-York, July 22. Last night arrived here *Arnold Crook* in 7 weeks from *Madera*, he left that Island in Company of 12 Sail of Her Majesties Ships of War bound to the *West-Indies*, on board of whom is Col. *Park*, General of the *Leward-Islands;* Capt. *Bond* bound hither, came out of *England* with this Fleet, but is not yet arrived.

By a Letter from one of the Captains of the above Squadron we are acquainted, That [here follow items of foreign news.]

Dirick Adolph is arrived from *Boston:* Entered out a Brigt. from *Madera*, & a Sloop for *Surranam*. This day an Embargo will be Laid on here.

Piscataqua, July 25th. On Tuesday the 23d. Currant eleven men about a Mile from Mr. Hilton's Garison at Exeter mowing in a Field, were insulted by about 40 Indians, One of the two that stood Centinal fired at them, but the other 9 being hard at work, were intercepted

from their Guns, of which 2 in the whole were slain, one desperately wounded, two more made their escape, and six wanting, which are supposed to be either kill'd or taken Captive.

Several Companies of our Forces went in pursuit of the Enemy, who about a Mile from the place where they did the mischief, gave a great Shout, and separated themselves, so that none of them could be found.

On the 24th. arrived Her Majesties Ship the Deptford from Boston Captain Stuckley Commander, with whom came his Excellency our Governour, who is now Sitting here in General Assembly.

Boston, At *Groton* on the Lords-Day the 21st Currant, 3 Souldiers going to the place of Publick Worship, passing over a Fence through a Field of Corn, some of the Sculking Indian Enemy being hid in the Field, shot at them, kill'd two and Captivated the third.

On *Monday* the 22d Currant, His Excellency our Governour Embarkt on board Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford*, for his other Goveru[n]ment of *New-Hampshire*.

On the said Day there was a Lad Mowing in a Field at Sudbury *toward Sun-set, espied an Indian near to him, and he having a Pistol hanging at his Girdle, fired at the Indian whom he saw fall, the Lad made the best of his way home; the next morning Major* Brown *with a party of men went out in search of him and view'd the place, where they saw a considerable quantity of Blood on the ground, and 'tis supposed the Indian was mortally wounded, but that his Mates, as they usually do, carried him off.*

In regard that Labourers at this time of the year are very difficult to be got even for wages: The Inhabitants of the Town of Milton *as is their usual Custom every year freely offered their Service to their Reverend Minister, Mr.* Peter Thacher, *to cut down his Grass, make his Hay, and carry it into his Barn, and to their praise and commendation be it spoken: On Monday last there was no less in his Field than 26 Men Mowers in a Breast, and on* Wednesday *there was 14 others that were Rakers; and on* Thursday *16 more, and no doubt there was a competent number on* Fryday *and* Satturday (*though not come to our knowledge*) *to carry it into the Barn.*

By Letters *per Cravath* from *Oporto, May*, 7th. [Here follows a little more than half a column of foreign news.]

Coasters Entered Inwards *Peter Harris* and *Sam. Prince* from Connecticut. Outward *George Phillips, Francis Browne* and *Ebenezar Parker* for Connecticut. Foreign Inwards *Ezekiel Cravath* Ketch Dolphin from Aviro. Cleared Outward for Jamaica *Robert Meers* Brigt. William; for Monserrat *William Cooke* Brigt. John and James. Outward Bound for Antigua *Ebenezar Payne* Sloop Nicholas and

Mary, and *John Walker* Sloop Burbuda; for London *Pelatiah Kinsman* Ship Hopewell.

Advertisements.

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop, under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

INvisibles, Realities, Demonstrated in the Holy Life and Triumphant Death of Mr. John Janeway, Fellow of Kings Colledge in Cambridge: by the Reverend Mr. James Janeway.

AToken for Children, being an exact Account of the Conversion, Holy and Exemplary Lives and Joyful Deaths of several Young Children: by the Reverend Mr. James Janeway. To which is added, A Token for the Children of New-England, or some Examples of Children in whom the fear of God was remarkably budding before they died.

SEven Sermons, (1st) of the Unpardonable Sin against the Holy Ghost, or the Sin unto Death, &c. By the Reverend Mr. Robert Russel.

THe best Friend standing at the door, or Christs Awakening and Affectionate Call, both to Professors and Secure Sinners for Entrance into the House: in Six Sermons, by the Reverend Mr. John Ryther.

RAn-away from his Master Samuel Niles of Kingstown in Narraganset, A Spanish Indian Man-Slave, aged about 28 years, speaks good English, a short fellow, much of the reliques of the small Pox to be seen in his Face, has a broad face, a broad flat Nose, his teeth are thin before; has on grayish coloured Cloaths much worn. Whosoever shall take up the said Indian and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him and send notice of him, shall be well rewarded and satisfyed for his pains.

ANy Person that wants to borrow 220 Pounds at Interest, giving good Security, may repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

[Reprinted: cordage for sale by John Mico, as in July 15; negro slave girl to be sold, as in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday July 29. to Monday August 5. 1706.

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[FOREIGN news in this number is principally from London and Paris, of March dates. Much of it refers to the war in Spain,

and particularly to the siege of Barcelona. With this issue the rules above and below the line "Published by Authority" in the heading were dropped.]

Barbadoes, June 22d. About a week ago arrived here a Vessell from Ireland, who reports; . . . ; *and* that 30 odd Sail of Men of War were fitting out for the West Indies. Three days since was Published here a Paper Credit to stand for five years. To Morrow Sailes our Fleet for England. Five days ago arrived here Capt. Flint and Fyfield from Boston. We have had no Pacquet since my last.

St. Christophers July 8. There is a Packet from *England* arrived at *Antigua*, by whom we have the following Account; [here follows a short account of the defeat of the French and Spanish forces before Barcelona.]

New-York, July 29. On the 26th arrived here Braddick in a Sloop from Boston, who on the 18th instant, off *Cape-Cod* in the night heard great Guns fire for several hours. The same day arrived a Sloop from *Turks* Island with Salt, that belongs to *Barmuda*.

Last week an Embargo was laid here for 60 days, and all persons forbid all manner of Labour, and all the Shops shut up until the Fortifications of this City be finished, so that we have near 1000 men at work every day.

On the 27th arrived here Capt. *Bond* from *England* with 34 Souldiers (there was 40 but 6 dyed in the passage) and 80 Barrels of Powder; we have advice that a Man of War is bound hither with 60 more Souldiers, Cloaths, Stores, *&c.*

The Ship *Unity*, *William Patience* Master, lay Loadened in the *Downs* bound hither, and would Sail with the first Convoy.

We have no News so late by Capt. *Bond* as that in the *Boston* News-Letter.

Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton's* Prize is not yet returned from her Cruise.

Piscataqua, Aug. 1. On Tuesday the 30th of *July* His Excellency our Governour went on board the Province-Gally, in order to return to *Boston* for his other Government of *Massachusetts-Bay;* And on the said day at evening there was a man kill'd at *Wells*, & another wounded by the sculking Indians, pursuit was made after the Enemy but could not be found.

Hampton, Aug. 1. This day there was a man kill'd near the *Falls*, and a Lad taken by the Indian Enemy.

We had a Company out in quest of them in 10 minutes after the mischief was done, but the Enemy escap'd, & left some things behind them, Major *Smith* is still out in the Woods with 100 men in search of them.

Boston, On Thursday the 1st Currant arrived here the Province-Galley from *Piscataqua*, with whom came His Excellency our Governour from his other Government of *Naw-Hampshire*.

On the said day arrived a Flag of Truce Bark from *Canada*, with Mr. *Shelden* the Messenger whom His Excellency sent to the Governour of *Quebeck* for the Exchange of Prisoners, who has brought with him 45.[159]

On Wednesday next the 7th Currant Sits here the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day it stands Prorogu'd.

On Saturday last, by the great diligence of Capt. *Redknap* Her Majesty's Engineer, the 20 pieces of Cannon were mounted at the Castle of this place; The Garison consisting of 200 men besides Artificers dayly working there; so that now all is very compleat: A Regiment consisting of 500 men under the Command of Col. *Hutchinson* being always in readiness for the Service there.[160]

By Letters by the Packet Via Antigua, *we have this Account:* [here follows foreign news.]

Coasters Inward, *Jackson* and *Abbot* from Piscataqua, *Nath. Loring* from Connecticut. Outward *Jonas Green, Carteret Gillam, James Lewis* and *Elisha Hedge* for Connecticut; *Nath. Geerish* and *Joseph Flood* for Piscataqua. Foreign Inwards from Fiall *James Calley* Ketch Blessing; from South-Carolina *Thomas Lanyon*, Sloop Return; from Barbadoes *Lewis Hunt* Ship Victory; from Antigua *John Fisher* Sloop Blackthorne; from St. Christophers *John Redduck* Sloop St. Christophers. Cleared Outward for Jamaica William Russel Brigt. Dolphin. Outward bound for London Robert Eason Ship New-Hampshire, and Peter Martin Ship Thenet; for Whitehaven John Smith Ketch Belford; for Antigua Jonathan Hart Sloop Gilford; for Barbadoes James Berry Ship Swan.

The Vessel for New-haven in England, will Sail about. 15 dayes hence.

Advertisements.

STray'd from Mr. Gamblings Pasture in Roxbury, A Sorrel Horse with a white Blaze in his Fore-head, and one hind foot white: Whosoever shall take up said Horse, or give any true Intelligence of him unto Mr. Nicholas Roberts Merchant in Boston, so as the owner

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159 Ensign John Sheldon of Deerfield: his second expedition to Canada for return of captives. See Sheldon's A History of Deerfield, Massachusetts, Vol. I, pages 332-333.

160 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, page 552, in connection with the story of these pieces of ordnance, which were "sent by her Maj^{ty} for her service at her Castle William" in response to a memorial from the General Court, February 1704-1705, for arms and stores.

may have him again, shall have a Sufficient reward and charges.

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From Monday August 5. to Monday August 12. 1706.

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[THIS issue of two pages is remarkable for the predominance of domestic news. Foreign news is confined to two short paragraphs under London date of April 2, and two paragraphs under Fayal date of July 5, concerning affairs in Spain and Portugal.]

Jamaica, June 24. Upon Advice brought here by the Packet of the mischief done by the *French* Squadron upon Her Majesty's Subjects at St. *Christophers* and *Nevis*, and of their design to make an Attack upon *Jamaica;*[161] His Excellency our Governour laid on an Embargo, Arm'd and Disciplin'd a Regiment of Negroes, rais'd several Batteries, and mounted them with Guns; and made all necessary preparations to receive the *French*, having laid several Mines in the way to the principal places, thro' which the Enemy must pass (if they had Landed) to blow them up: And intended to give them a Field Battel, and ordered his Son to lead the Van-Guard, declaring that whosoever should flinch back should immediately be shot down.

Three Trading Sloops arriving at *Carthageen* from *Jamaica*, the Governour acquainted them, that the *French* designed to attack *Jamaica*, and advised them to make haste home to help defend their Island, fearing the *French* might be there before they got home; and accordingly dispatched them in two dayes with Eighty Thousand pieces of Eight.

A Runagado *English* man running from one of these Trading Sloops, offered his Service to the Governour of *Carthageen* to Pilot him to take the Island of *Jamaica*, and particularly Col. *Handisyde* our Governour in his House; which the Governour resenting as a villanous action, took the said Runagado and sent him with a Guard on board one of the Sloops, ordering the Master to secure and carry him unto the Governour of *Jamaica*, with whom he sent a Letter to His Excellency our Governour, acquainting him of the same, and that he hated Traitors. And upon the arrival of the said Runagado in one of the Sloops, a Court Martial was call'd, where the said Runa-

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161 See News-Letter Nos. 96, 103, 104, 107, 108 *ante*.

gado being Tryed, was found guilty, Condemned to Dye, and Executed accordingly.

Four days ago the Embargo was taken off, and 2 days since the Colours were lodged and the Law Martial ceased upon advice brought here of the *French* Squadron's being separated and gone to several Ports to the Leeward. Monsieur *Deberville* the *French* Admiral beat up for Volunteers at *Petitguavus* and *Hispaniola*, in order to make a descent upon *Jamaica*, but the Inhabitants declined it, and he offered to force some *Spaniards* away, which caused a considerable Tumult among the people.

They are still Fortifying at *Jamaica*. Our Squadron under the Command of Admiral *Whetstone* consists of 6 Capital Ships, a Fire-ship and Tenders. The Fleet bound for England was Embargo'd, being about 40 Sail waiting for a Convoy, which was supposed to be Admiral *Whetstone*, when the other Fleet from *England* did arrive, whom we daily expect.

Taunton, *July* 19. About midnight the Thunder and Lightning split the wooden button on the top of the Vane Spindle of the Meeting-House, and split into shivers the post it stood in; but the Vane Spindle is not hurt, and carryed it off; and destroyed the biggest part of the Covering of the Terret boards, shingles and timber, and so descended on the proper roof of the Meeting-House, which is almost flat, and ript up the board and shingle for about 10 foot, and the two ends of the Rupture descended into the Meeting House two ways on the Fore-side of the Meeting House, and also two ways on the back-side of it, and split a principal long brace on the fore-side of the Meeting-House from end to end, and made it quite unserviceable, and came down on two of the middle of the Fore-side of the Meeting House, and ript off a considerable quantity of the Clapboards and boards on the outside, and also of the plaistering and Laths on the inside, and grazed and hurt the timber all along as it came down. It has drove two of the Windows a little outward (one of the fore-side windows, and one of the back-side windows) it has taken off two great splinters (one on the upper side, another on the lower) of one of the Main braces that support the roof on the back-side of the house, the said splinters are about 4 inches square, and about 7 foot long; some of the wooden Frames of 4 windows are split off on the outside, the white Lime plaistering in 4 or 5 places is blown off as with Gunpowder in considerable pieces. It took off a loose Seat from the East Gallery, and carried it above twenty foot, & left it on the Table without any harm: The ends of 2 or 3 boards of the Floor are blown up & the Nails of them drawn as if blown up with Gunpowder. Several paynes of Glass are considerably shattered;

The post of one of the Seats in the upper Gallery which the Rayls went into is split to pieces and the Seats fallen down. No harm is done to the Bell only the Wheel is somewhat shattered. Several Posts and pieces of Timber are grazed as if they were gouged, Lime and Splinters are scattered over the Meeting–House, scarce any place free, and bits of Clapboard and Shingles are scattered round about the middle of the House.

The same night Ensign Thomas *Gilbert's* old House was struck with Lightning, there was such a smoke and light and smell of Brimstone after the stroke, that they thought the House was on fire. It made holes in the Tunnel and sides of the Chimney, and so shatter'd it, that it is not safe making a fire in it; one of his Grand Children that lay in the same Room, was stunn'd a while, but recovered again.

New-York, August 5. On the 30th of *July* arrived here a Privateer Sloop of 6 Guns and 27 men, *Nath. Burchet* Commander, being the Tender of Capt. *Tongrelou*, which about [blank] weeks ago met with a Spanish Ship (bound from Canaries to *New-Spain*) of 600 Tuns, 24 Guns, and 250 men, near to *Cuba*, this Sloop fired 6 shot at her, two whereof hull'd her, one blew up the Round House, killed the Captain and 5 men, and another disabled, her Main Mast which afterwards fell over board, the Sloop finding the Ship too strong for her left her, and carried notice of her to Capt. *Tongrelou*, who immediately thereupon went in search of her, but could not find her; the Sloop soon after she parted with Cap. *Tongrelou* found the Spanish Ship ashore about a league from *Barricoe* upon *Cuba*, the Spaniards defended her from the shore, and at last capitulated with the Sloop for her Lading of Wines and Brandy, provided they would not burn the rest, nor the Ship; and accordingly she has brought hither 50 pipes of Canary and Brandy which they took out of her, but have not seen *Tongrelou* for seven, nor his Consort for 9 weeks past: The Spanish Ship was obliged to run ashore, having 8 foot water in the Hould before they knew of it, and upon her striking Ground, her Main Mast tumbled over board being wounded by a shot from the Sloop, but the Sloop knew not what execution they had done, till they found her ashore.

The same day arrived Capt. *Basset* in a month from *Jamaica*, who says Capt. *Pennistone* (a Privateer of this Port) boarded two Ships together, one of 18, and the other of 24 Guns, but was beat off with the loss of his Arm, and 9 men kill'd, and as many wounded, and obliged to bear away to *Jamaica*.

A *Dutch* Brigt. of 110 men, Consort to Cap. *Tongrelou* has taken a French Privateer of 14 Guns and 130 men belonging to Petitguavus, Commanded by the Chevalier *Courtney*, and carried her into Jamaica, she was designed for this Coast.

We have advice by these Vessels, that 7 Fr. Ships were gone down to the Havanna, and that Monsieur Deverville with 5 men of War were still lying on the Northside of Hispaniola, but were sickly with the bloody Flux, and that at Jamaica they are not under any apprehension of being attack'd by them.

The Fleet from England was not arrived at Jamaica, the same day arrived here a Sloop from Curacoa, brings not any News.

Capt. *Basset* off Cape May was Chased by a Ship [blank] hours which gained upon him and got within half Gun shot of him, which obliged him to pull down his Round House, cut his Beam, and throw all upon Deck over board except his Guns; after which the Ship fell a Stern show'd her broad side and Stern, and fired a Gun to Leeward under English Colours, upon which *Basset* answered with a Gun to Leeward, but made the best of his way, tho' he took the Ship for the Triton's Prize, but it proved otherwise.

On the 3d. Instant Her Majesties Ship Tritons Prize arrived at Sandy-hooke from Her Cruise, She has been at Virginia, and about 10 days since met the Hazardous with the Ships under her Convoy going into the Capes; they were dog'd 4 dayes off Nantucket by a Ship of about 20 Guns, which the Hazardous at last chased away; tis thought to be the same Ship that chased Basset. *One of our Outward bound Sloops met the Tritons Prize at Sea, and told them, a small Briganteen had taken a Sloop upon this Coast, in his sight, the Triton immediately went in search of her, but could not meet with her on her Cruise.*

Yesterday arrived here Capt. Davis *from Jamaica, three Briganteens, and a Ketch for Boston,* Noyce, Green, Long *and* Rayner *Masters, came out in Company: He says the 7 Ships gone to the Havanna are the French men of War that lay on the North side of Hispaniola, who are very Sickly.*

Our Fortifications we hope will be Compleat this week, and we shall have 100 Cannon Mounted in this City, besides the Fort, which is also put into very good Repair & Order.

Her Majesties Ship Lowstaffe will Sail in 3 days on a Cruise.

Piscataqua, August 8th. Just now is arrived Capt. *Janverin* from Lisbone, that came out in Company with the Mast Ships from thence, who after he parted with them was taken by a French Letter of Marque man, of 24 Guns, from the Havanna bound to Rochel, about 100 Leagues to the Westward of Fyall, Capt. *Janverin* bought his Ship again for 8000 Livers, and sent his Mate Hostage for the payment of the Money.

Boston, On Tuesday the 6th Currant arrived here Cap. *Daniel Noyes* from *Jamaica,* about 6 weeks passage; there came out in

Company with him about 20 Sail, some whereof for *England* and other places; for *New-York* a Brigt, and 2 Sloops; and for this place Capt. *Bartholomew Green*, Capt. *Rayner* and *Long*.

On Wednesday the 7th. Instant Satt the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day they stood Prorogu'd.

Her Majesty's Ship the *Deptford* arrived here on *Tuesday* the 6th Currant from *Piscataqua*, and designs to Sail on a Cruise on *Monday* the 12th Instant.

Coasters Inwards	From
Collins and *Flood*	Piscataqua.
John Lothrop	Connecticut.
Outward	For
Peter Harris	Rhode-Island.
For[e]ign Inwards	From
Francis Ellis Ship Pleasure	Barbadoes.
Joseph Burchal Sloop Blossom	Barmuda.
Moses Wadland Sloop Seaflower	St. Georges.
Daniel Noyes Hannover Brigt.	Jamaica.
Bartholomew Green Swan Brigt.	Jamaica.
Joseph Rayner Ketch Freeke.	Jamaica.
John Hoddy Adventure Brigt.	Fyall.
Cleared Outward	For
Robert Eason Ship N. Hampshire	Piscataqua & London
Peter Martin Ship Thanet	Piscataqua & London
Eleazar Johnson Brigt. Hopewell	Antigua
Jonathan Hart Sloop Gilford	Antigua
Thomas Savill Ship Two Brothers	Jamaica
Thomas Hunt Sloop Panther	Newfoundland
Outward bound	For
Richard Shute Sloop Richard	St. Christophers
Joseph Burchal Sloop Blossom	Barmuda
Moses Wadland Sloop Seaflower	St. Georges
John Holland Brigt. Tygre	Madera
Thomas Miller Ship Enfield-Green	London
John Edwards Brigt Providence	Jamaica.

Advertisements.

HOusing and Land being part of the Estate of Bartholomew Gedney Esqr. late of Salem in the County of Essex, and Province of Massachusetts-Bay in New-England: To be Sold by Mrs. Mary Gedney, Widow and Executrix of Doctor Samuel Gedney of said Salem: Viz.

Three House Lotts, about 40 foot Front, and 124 Foot deep each Lott.

Another House Lott about 40 foot Front, and 124 foot deep, with an House and Barn on it.

As also a Dwelling-House, Warehouse, Wood-House, Yard Room and Garden, with a Ship Yard suitable for a Ship Carpenter: To be Sold by single Lotts or altogether.

SAlt at Four Shillings per Bushel; To be Sold by Mr. Samuel Lilly Merchant, at his Ware-House upon the Dock in Boston.

ANegro Woman and a Negro Girle to be Sold, Inquire of John Campbell Post Master of Boston, and know further.

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[AGAIN, in this two page issue, the foreign news is subordinated, more than half the contents being of domestic affairs. Mainly, the foreign news is from Hague and Paris, concerning the siege of Barcelona.]

Hartford, *August* 5, The Towns in the County of *Hampshire* being greatly infested by the Sculking Indian Enemy: We are just sending out 50 Men with Dogs, who are to divide into small parties, and range the Woods on both sides the River, if possible to discover and annoy, the Enemy.

New-York, *August* 12. Last week we heard that two or three Sloops were seen Cruise off the East-end of *Long Island*. From *Philadelphia* we are advised, that Her Majesty's Ships the *Greenwich* and H*azardous* are arrived in *Virginia*, and that it's said the Fleet from thence to *England* will Sail the middle of next Month: We daily expect more certain Intelligence by Gentlemen from thence.

Last night the Rt. Hon. the Lady *CORNBURY* departed this Life.[162]

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162 Lady Cornbury (Katherine Hyde) was the daughter of Lord O'Brien—son of the earl of Richmond of Ireland—by his wife, Lady Katherine Stuart, daughter of the duke of Richmond and Lenox. Her obsequies were conducted with much pomp and ceremony in Trinity Church by the Reverend John Sharp, chaplain of the fort, and she was buried in Trinity churchyard. The great expense incurred for her funeral was one of the counts against Lord Cornbury for official extravagance. Several months later one Boudinot of Long Island was paid £300 from the sale of crown lands "as due for part of Lady Cornbury's funeral." See official papers in Documents Relative to the Colonial History of New York, Vol. V, p. 406 and p. 511.

This morning arrived a Sloop from St. *Thomas*, one *Martin* Master brings no News. Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* will Sail this day on a Cruise.

Rhode-Island, *August* 16. Upon the Report that a *French* Squadron from the *West Indies*, under the Command of Monsieur *Deberville* is designed to come upon our Coast; His Honour our Governour call'd a General Council, & Council of War, in order to Consult what was proper to be done for Fortifying of this Place, and especially the Town of *New-port*, in case of an Attack from the Enemy. Whereupon the Inhabitants of the Town and Island are daily at work, making all necessary preparations to Fortify the same, several Breast-works and Half Moons near and about the Town are already cast up, and a Breast-work and Trenches from the Point before the Town to Coasters Harbour, & likewise at the South End of the Town, to prevent an Enemy's Landing near the Town; And if they should Land at a distance from it, we shall have the greater advantage against them, by reason of the many Stone Walls and Ditches they must pass thorow to come at the Town, where they may be Ambuscado'd.

Capt. *Cranston* from *Curacoa* arrived here in 18 days, by whom we are acquainted, that they had the same News there that we have had in the *Boston* News-Letter. [Here follow a few lines of foreign news.]

Moses Butterworth and *Robert Wrightington* for *Barbadoes*, and *John Chapman* bound for *Antigua*.

Piscataqua, *Aug.* 15. On Saturday last, the Sculking Indian Enemy kill'd a man at *Dover*. And this day arrived here from Boston Capt. *Martin* in the Thenet Mast Ship.

Salem, *August* 17. On Wednesday the 14th. Currant, arrived here *Eleazar Moses* from *Newfoundland* 22 days passage, who informs, That there is one Man of War at St. *Johns*, & about 40 Merchantmen. That Sir *W. Jumper* was daliy expected from *Engl.* with a Squadron of Men of War, in order to Attack *Placentia*. That an English Prisoner retaken out of a French Boat informed that in *May* last, there was about 36 Sail of French Merchantmen in *Placentia*. That two Letter of Marque Men from *Bristol*, the one of 14 and the other of 16 Guns, and one of *London* of 24 Guns has Cruised on *Newfoundland* Coast, and had taken 20 Prizes, some whereof were Bankers, and others that were bound in to *Placentia*. Mr. *Moses* saw 4 or 5 Vessels going in to St. *Johns* as he came out, but knows not what they were.

Boston, *An Act* Passed by the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province in their Second Sessions, upon *Wednesday* the 7th Currant, for Encouraging the Prosecution of the Indian Enemy and

Rebels. Granting the following Reward or Præmium, (over and above the stated Wages, to such as are under Pay, and the benefit of Plunder, and all Indian Women and Children Prisoners under 12 Years of Age) to every Company, Troop, Party or Person singly, who shall Kill or Take any Male Indian Enemy or Rebel, capable of bearing Arms, or above the age of 12 years. *Viz.*

To the Regular Detached Forces under Pay, the Sum of *Ten Pounds per* Head.

To Voluntiers actually in the Service and under Pay, *Twenty Pounds per* Head.

To Voluntiers without Pay or Subsistance, *Fifty Pounds per* Head.

To any Company, Troop or Party Issuing forth upon an Alarm, to the Relief of any Town or Garison Attackt, *Thirty Pounds per Head.*

On *Saturday* Sailed Her Maj. Ship the *Deptford* on a Cruise.

The said day Sailed the New-Hampshire Mast Ship for *Piscataqua* Capt. *Eason* Commander.

Coasters Inward	From
William Smallage Sloop Prosperous	Rhode-Island.
John Lothrop Sloop Swallow	Connecticut.
Outward	For
Samuel Prince Sloop Adventure *Jacob Parker* Sloop Endeavour *James Blin* Sloop Sparrow	Connecticut.
Foreign Inwards,	From
James Gold Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania.
Samuel Long Brigt. Sarah	Jamaica.
Cleared Outward,	For
John Welch Brigt. Dolphin	Antigua.
Benjamin Edward Sloop Elizabeth	Newfoundland.
Moses Wadland Sloop Seaflower	St. George.
Outward Bound	For
Josiah Minot Ship Samuel *Thomas Fosdick* Charlestown Galley *Thomas Lethered* Ship Olive Branch *Peter Man* Dart Galley	London.
John Alden Ship Swallow	Topsham.
James Gold Ship Mary	Newfoundland.
Jeremiah Tay Brigt. John and Ann	St. George.

Advertisements.

Whereas Peter Sonmans, *son of* Arent Sonmans *Deceased, under pretext of being invested in several Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging,*

purchased by his said Deceased Father in East *and* West New Jersey *in* America: *Hath already Sold a considerable quantity thereof, and (as I am informed) is about Selling other parcels thereof. These are therefore to give Notice, That Her most Gracious Majesty, Queen* Anne, *by Her Letter dated at* Windsor, *the tenth day of* September, 1705 *in the Fourth Year of Her Reign, to His Excellency* Edward *Viscount* Cornbury, *Governour of the Province of* New-Jersey, *and to the Council of the said Province directed: Hath been pleased to signify, that the said Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, do belong unto Her said Majesty; for that the said* Arent Sonmans *Deceased, was an Alien born, and uncapable of taking or holding any Land otherwise than to the use of the Crown, by reason he was not Naturalized, nor made a Denizon of* England. *And further, That Her said Majesty is graciously pleased to grant all Her Right, Title, Interest and Claim to the said Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, unto* Joseph Ormston *of* London, *Merchant, and* Rachel *his Wife, and their Heirs for ever, in trust for* Peter Sonmans, Rachel Ormston, *and* Joanna Wright *and their Heirs for ever. And therefore by the said Letter doth direct His said Excellency and the said Council, to cause Letters Pattents to be past under the Seal of the said Province, containing the grant aforesaid: and that such Clauses be inserted in the said Letters Patents as shall be requisite for making Her said Majesty's Grant good and effectual to the said* Joseph Ormston *and* Rachel *his Wife, and their Heirs, in trust as aforesaid, as by Her said Majesty's Letter may appear.*

All which I the Subscriber being Agent for the said Joseph Ormston *and* Rachel *his Wife, have thought fit to publish, in Order to prevent any persons being mistaken in purchasing any Right or Title to the aforesaid Proprieties and shares of Proprieties of Lands, Quit-Rents and other Appurtenances thereunto belonging, or any part thereof.*

Perth Amboy, July 24. 1706. JOHN ORMSTON.[163]

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot at his Shop under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

ENglands Perfect School-Master: Or Directions for exact Spelling, Reading and Writing: Showing how to Spell or Read any Chapter in the Bible, by four and twenty words only; with Examples of most words, from one to six syllables, both in whole words and also divided; with Rules how to spell them: Also how to spell all such words which are alike in sound, yet differ in their sense and spelling. Together with the true meaning and use of all stops and

163 Reprinted from the News-Letter, with a biographical and historical foot-note, in New Jersey Archives, First Series, Vol. XI, p. 18.

points to be observed by all that would Read and Write well: With a Table of Orthography, shewing how to write true English: As also variety of Pieces, both of English and Latin Verse, on the most remarkable passages mentioned in Scripture, very useful for Writing-Schools: Lastly, Directions for writing of Letters, Acquittances, Bills of Exchange, Bills of Parcels, Bills of Debt, Bonds, &c. How to state Accompts aright, &c.

THE Great Concern: Or a serious warning to a timely & thorough Preparation for Death: With helps and directions in order thereunto: By Edward Pearse: Recommended as proper to be given at Funerals.

THE Call of Christ unto Thirsty Sinners, to come to him and drink of the Waters of Life: As it was Preached by that Holy Man of God, and faithful Servant of Christ, Mr. Thomas Allen, late Pastor of a Church in the City of Norwich, and sometime Teacher of the Church of Christ at Charlstown in New-England.

A Guide to Eternal Glory: Or brief directions to all Christians, how to attain to Everlasting Salvation: With several other brief Tracts, and Spiritual Hymns.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 123.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday August 19. to Monday August 26. 1706.

NY

[LESS than two columns of this two page issue are filled with foreign news: confined to two letters from Hague, one of April 6, and the other of April 9, and one letter from Lisbon, dated July 7. The news is principally concerning the investment of Barcelona, and fighting in Flanders and Spain.]

Jamaica, July 8. This morning arrived here a Ship from *Bristol*, the Master whereof informs, that Sir *John Leake* [account of naval engagement with the French squadron.]

Our Fleet from *England* not yet arrived, but are daily expected.

St *Johns Newfoundland, August* 5th. Here is Arrived Capt. *Michael Gill* and *Arthur Savage* in 9 days passage from *Boston* in *New England;* Capt. *Gill* in the Latitude of 48 8. met a *French* Banker of 6 Guns and 21 men, with whom he had a small dispute, and made the *French*-man Strike and Surrender. Unto whom he

Sold his Ship again for 350 Pistoles in Gold, and has the *French* Captain on Board a Hostage for payment of the Money.

New York, Aug. 19. By an Express from Anapolis to Philadelphia, we are acquainted, that the Captain of Her Majesty's Ship the Hazardous the next day after his Arrival had writ to the Governour of Maryland that he would Sail with the Fleet for England the 29th of this Month, whether the Greenwich arrived or not.

Adolph for Boston, and Sandford for Carolina Sails this day. Entered Outward bound are Laurence for Terceras, Basset, Stevens and Moyon for Curacoa, Crook for Barbadoes, Smith, Norwood and Bedgood for Jamaica, Bond and Laurier for London Via Virginia.

A Sloop from Barbadoes one Fry Master bound for Rhode Island, came from Curacoa about 3 weeks ago, was met on Fryday last by her Majesty's Ship the Lowstaff, seized and brought in here this day for want of a Register.

Piscataqua, Aug. 23. On the 18 Instant arrived here the New-Hampshire Mast Ship from Boston, Capt. *Eason* Commander.

Marblehead, Aug. 23, Capt. Cawley in the Ship Essex will Sail for Kingsayle in Ireland again the first of October next.

Boston, Capt. *Mathews*, Commander of her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*, designs to Sail from hence to *Piscataqua* the first of *September* next, and from thence to *England* the fifth of *October* following, to take under his Convoy what Vessels will be then ready.

By Letters (since the Post) from *New-York* of the 20th Currant, we are acquainted, That by a Sloop from *Curacoa*, they have the self-same News there that we have here of the Signal Victories [in Flanders and Spain].

Coasters Inward		From
Joseph Concklin	Tryal Sloop	Connecticut.
Eleazar Darby	Elizabeth Sloop	
John Groce	Speedwell Sloop	
Giles Hall	Lyon Sloop	
John Lothrop	Speedwell Sloop	
Thomas Curtice	Swan Sloop	
John Wells	Tryal Sloop	
John Hedge	Speedwell Sloop	
Benjamin Flood	Benj. & Mary	Piscataqua.
Nathaniel Loring	Dolphin Sloop	Rhode-Island.
Foreign Inwards		From
Eleazar Moses	Content Sloop	Newfoundland.
John Pitts	Exchange Ketch	South-Carolina.

Cleared Outward		For
Elias Fortune Endeavour Ketch		Monserat
John Ventiman Martha & Eliz. Ship		Jamaica.
Joseph Burchal Blossom Sloop		Barmuda.
James Loring Industry Brigt.	}	Barbadoes.
Joseph Vearing Colman Frigot		
John Walker Burbuda Sloop		Antigua.
Outward Bound		
Richard Pitcher Lydia Brigt.		England.
Lewis Hunt Victory Ship		Newfoundland
Peter Hawksworth Mary Fortune Ship	}	London.
Jonathan Evans Expectation Brigt.		

[The notice concerning the new postal service between England and the West Indies is reprinted as it appeared in the issue of June 3.]

Advertisements

A Negro Man Slave, Two Negro Women and a Negro Girl to be Sold: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: sale of housing and land of estate of Bartholomew Gedney, as in August 12; sale of salt by Samuel Lilly, as in August 12; sale of English newspapers, as in June 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 124.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday, August 26. to Monday September 2. 1706.

NY

[A COMPARATIVELY small part of the two pages of this issue is given to foreign news, and that little is mainly in short paragraphs received by the way of West Indies ports.]

Antigua, July 19. 1706. *via Philadelphia.*

[Under this date line there are first, several paragraphs of news from Europe, and then follow various domestic news items.]

Commadore *Kerr* arrived here 4 days since with our General Col. *Parke*, and is gone to *Jamaica* with 10 Men of War, and 2 Fire Ships, and 2 Men of War from *Barbadoes*, and our 2 that were here expecting to find the French Fleet at *Jamaica*.

One of our Men of War cut a large Sloop out of *Guardiloop* Harbour.

One *Crapo* a French Privateer Sloop of 64 Men boarded an Irish

man with Bease from Ireland, bound to *Jamaica* of 12 Guns and 20 men: The Irish man kill'd him 36 Men and Wounded him 14, & brought *Crapo* with the Sloop in here.

Her Majesties Ship the Kingsail has taken another Privateer, and a Ship of 20 Guns, loaden with Suggar and carryed them in to Barbadoas.

Capt. *Plaisteed* in a New Ship of 400 Tuns 20 Guns, 37 men, bound from *Boston* to *Jamaica*, was taken by a French Man of War of 48 Guns, 350 Men, off *Portorico*, and was carryed in to *Martinico*, and was sent here in a Flag of Truce the 16th Currant. She took also an East-India Dutch Man of 36 Guns mounted, 600 Tuns, 200 Men.

Maryland, *August* 2. On the 29th last arrived Her Majesty's Ship the *Hazardous*, and 4 merchant-men 12 weeks from *Plimouth:* The Greenwich Man of War is daily expected. The Fleet for *England* designs to Sail the latter end of this Month, under Convoy of 5 Men of War. There is a Ship arrived in *Virginia* from *England* 6 weeks passage, who reports, that Sir *John Leake* met with the *French* Squadron and worsted them.

Master *Abbot* in a Sloop from *Boston* arrived here.

Barbadoes, *August* 3. Our Fleet from *England* arrived here the 2d of last month, under Convoy of Capt. *Kerr*, who is gone down to Jamaica with 12 Sail of Men of War to relieve Admiral *Whetstone* and his Squadron.

About 3 weeks ago Her Majesty's Ship the *Kingsayle* brought in 2 Prizes, a Sloop and a Ship of 20 Guns, the latter bound to *West France* in Company with two others of like Force, both loaded with Sugar, Cotton, some Cocoa and Indigo: The Sloop he cut from the Shore at *Martinico*.

We have lately Advice from *Antigua*, That a Vessel from *Ireland* of 10 Guns and 18 Hands (whereof 6 were Servants) bound for this place, was Attacked by a Sloop from *Martinico*, (who the day before took a Sloop from *Curacoa* bound hither) who boarded him, but the Captain of the Irish Man, and the rest of his men made a stout resistance, and kill'd 20 of the French men, and retook the Sloop and carryed her into *Antigua:* The Privateer had 50 men belonging to her, and do not hear that any of the English were kill'd.

Our Fleet for *England*, in whom goes His Excellency our Governour, will sail about a Month hence.

Capt. *Wilson*, Capt. *Fyfield* and Capt. *Flint* of *Boston*, are this day bound for *Saltertuda*, and from thence to *Boston*. Capt. *Taylor* will hardly Sail for *Boston* before our Fleet Sails for *England*. Capt. *Francis Plaisted* in the *Eaton Frigot*, bound from *Boston* to *Jamaica* is said to be carryed into *Martinico*.

Our last Pacquet from *England* Arrived here the 4th of last Month, who brought us the glad Tydings of the Glorious and Signal Victory obtained by his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* over the French Army in *Flanders*, under the Command of the Duke of *Bavaria:* The Account whereof was sent Express to Her Majesty, with Col. *Richard Aid de Camp*, to His Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, which was Published by Authority at St *James's May* the 16th (and Reprinted in the *Boston News Letter*, *Aug*. 5 No. 120 to which we refer you.)

The further News from *England* by the Pacquet of *May* 30th is, [here follow items of foreign news, principally relating to the war on the continent.]

That Her Majesty has given the Scotch 10 Men of War and answerable Transports for 10000 Men, with whom they are to make an Attack upon some of Her Majesties Enemies in the West-Indies.

Philadelphia, *Aug*, 22*d* On the 17th arrived here Capt *Trot* from *Fyall*, 8 weeks passage, by whom we have the same News of the 18th of *June* from *Lisbon* that you have in the *Boston* News-Letter Numb. 121.

On the 20th arrived Capt. *Brown* in 23 dayes from *Antigua*, who brought us the News that is in the *Boston* News-Letter Numb. 120 and further says, that the Union between *England* and *Scotland* was agreed upon. That the Queen had allowed the *Scotch Caladonia* Company 100000 *l.* That a Squadron of 15 sail of Men of War was designed for the West-Indies, and that the *Scotch* were raising several Thousand Men for that Expedition, and were to settle on what place they took from Her Majesty's Enemies. That the *French* Prize taken by Her Majesty's Ship the Kingsayle had 70000 pieces of Eight on Board. One *Stilwell* of *New-York* lost his Sloop upon *Barbuda.*

New York, *August* 26. On the 19th arrived here *Daniel Roberts* in a Sloop from *Jamaica* 40 days passage.

On the 22d. *Hugh Coward* in a Sloop from *Curacoa*, brings News from thence, which they had from *Holland* and *Barbadoes*, [war events in Europe.]

Martin is bound out for *St. Thomas.*

Rhode-Island, *Aug* 30 Outward bound are *Nehemiah Cuquit* for *St Christophers; William Codner* for *Suranam; Edward Gross* for *Madera*, *John Davis* and *Joseph Dill* for *Barmuda.*

Salem, *Aug* 31. This day arrived Capt. *Balch* in 33 days from *Antigua*, in whom came Capt *Francis Plaisteed* a Passenger.

Boston, On Fryday the 30th of *August*, Capt. *Samuel Appleton* Esq. Commissioner (sent by His Excellency our Governour a Flagg

of Truce for *Canada*, for the Exchanging of Prisoners) Sailed from Nantasket in the Briganteen Hope, Capt. *John Bonner* Master.

On the said day Sailed the French Barque, that came a Flagg of Truce from *Canada* with our Prisoners. As also did a Sloop for Port-Royall; in which Vessels there went about 70 French Prisoners.

His Excellency Ordered Capt. *Southack* Commander of Her Majesties Ship the Province Galley, to Convoy them ten Leagues to the Eastward of Cape Ann.

About ten days ago His Excellency sent two men by Land to Mont Real, with Letters to the Governour of *Quebeck*, desiring that our Prisoners might be ready at the Arrival of our Flagg of Truce there, in order to their returning hither before Winter sett in.

Coasters, Inward.		From
Anthony Bracket	Sloop Kathrin	Piscataqua
John Abbot	Sloop Seaflower	
Joseph Yorke	Sloop Mary	Connecticut
John Walker	Sloop Endeavour	
Derick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New York
Outward		For
John Grace	Sloop Prosperous	Connecticut
Giles Hall	Sloop Lion	
Samuel Dutch	Sloop Nightingal	
Jonathan Hilton	Sloop Success	
Foreign, Inward,		From
Abraham Gording	Sloop Fortune	Axuma
Thomas Ruck	Brigt. Fraternity	Barbadoes
Cleared Outward		For
Isaac Binney	Sloop Mary	N. foundland
Ebenezar Breed	Brigt. Elizabeth	
Outward Bound		For
Thomas Meers	Sloop Blessing	Jamaica
Samuel Long	Brigt. Swan	
James Grant	Ship Tryal	White-Haven

In our last thro' an Error of the Press in a Paragraph from *Lisbon* of *July* 7th. It is said that 13000 men were Landed in *France*, Commanded by my Lord *Trevers*, and it should be my Lord *Rivers*

Advertisements.

The following Books to be Sold by Benjamin Eliot, at his Shop under the West-End of the Town-House in Boston, Viz.

WAlking with God, the Great Duty and Priviledge of Christians: in two Sermons.

LOves Pedigree: Or a Discourse shewing the Grace of Love in a Believer to be of Divine Original: in one sermon.

THe Best Priviledge: Or a Sermon wherin the Great Advantage of Enjoying the Oracles of God is displayed, & the Duty of such as have them is urged.

THe Man of War. A Sermon Preached to the Artillery Company at Boston, at the Anniversary day of Election of Officers. All Four by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Willard.

THe Door of Salvation Opened: Or a Voice from Heaven, to Unregenerate Sinners; plainly shewing the necessity of Opening your Hearts to Christ, or else He will Open Hells Mouth to devour you: with many sweet Invitations to come to Him, that they might have Life, and be hidden from the Wrath of God which is worse than Death. By D. Pede.

GOD's Frown in the Death of Useful Men: Shewed in a Sermon Preached at the Funeral of the Honourable Col. John Pynchon Esq. By the Reverend Mr. Solomon Stoddard.

A Good Master well Served: A Brief Discourse on the |necessary Properties and Practices of a Good Servant, in every kind of Servitude: and of the Methods that should be taken by the Heads of a Family, to obtain such a Servant.

[Reprinted: notice of postmaster regarding advertising of letters not called for, as in July 1; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 125.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 2. to Monday September 9 1706.

NY

[FOREIGN news in this issue consists of an abstract of a letter from the duke of Marlborough and the deputies of the States General to the States of Brabant, and the response thereto, and a half column of items concerning the fighting in Flanders.]

Fyall, July 29 We have advice from *England* [foreign news.]

There was two Ships that touched in here from the *Canaries*, who gave us an Account, That Capt. *Halsy* in the *Charles* Galley, a Privateer from *Boston* had taken a Spanish Ship of 24 Guns from the *Havanna*, which he sent to the *Madera's:* He had also boarded another Ship of 40 Guns three times, but his Graplings breaking, was forc't to leave her.

New-York, *Sept* 2. Our Assembly is Adjourned to the 24th Instant. His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* sets out on Wednesday next for

Albany to visit the Frontiers. No Vessels arrived since my last. Outward bound are *Van Bael* for *Suranam*, *Many* for *Jamaica*, & *Sleigh* for *Curacoa*.

Rhode-Island, *Sept* 6 By Letters from *Lisbon* of *July* 8 and 13 *per* Capt *Benjamin Cranston* from *Maderas*, 5 weeks passage, we have [war items "all mentioned these several weeks past in the *Boston* News-Letter."]

Boston, On Wednesday the 4th Curant, His Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province unto Wednesday the 2d day of *October* next.

An Act Pass'd at the last Session, Entituled, *An Act to prevent all Traiterous Correspondence with her Majesties Enemies.*[164]

	Coasters Inwards,	From
Joseph Flood	Sloop John & Abiel	Piscataqua
Daniel Wair	Sloop Adventure	Piscataqua
Benj Flood	Sloop Benj. & Mary	Piscataqua
Francis Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Connecticut
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Connecticut
Joseph Allen	Sloop John & Mary	Connecticut
George Phillips	Sloop Supply	Connecticut
Joseph Bull	Brigt. Mary	
Will. Rhodes	Sloop Rose	Rhode-Island
	Foreign Inwards	
Samuel Sanders	Sloop Mary	Corratuck
Tho. Masters	Brigt. Dragon	Suranam
Tho. Ball	Sloop Elizabeth	Fiall
	Cleared Outwards	For
John Lathrop	Sloop Swallow	Connecticut
Tho. Curtice	Sloop Swan	Connecticut
John Hedge	Sloop Speedwel	Connecticut
Joseph Concklin	Sloop Tryal	New-York
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
Lewis Hunt	Ship Victory	N. foundland
John Richards	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto
Joseph Johnson	Sloop Elizabeth	Pensilvania
Richard Shute	Sloop Richard	St. Christophr
John Smith	Katch Belford	White-haven
Tho. Lytheret	Ship Olive-branch	London
Ebenezar Payne	Sloop Swallow	Jamaica
	Outward Bound	
Sam. Winckley	Sloop Sarah & Hannah	Pensilvania

164 See The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. I, p 595.

Tho. Barnes	Brigt. Sarah	St. Christoph
John Foster	Ship Sarah	Barbadoes
Will. Alden	Ship Content	Ditto
John Blower	Ship Stanier Galley	Madera
John Porter	Brigt. Experiment	Tercera
Ephraim Breed	Ship Seaflower	Jamaica

Advertisements.

Mistress Mary Turfrey at the South End of Boston, Intends to board Young Gentlewomen: If any Gentlemen desires their Daughters should be under her Education: They may please to agree with her on Terms.

A Certain Person has Lent Fuller's Holy War, his name is on the Frontice Leaf of it: Whosoever has borrowed the said Book, or into whose hands it may come, are desired to return it unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, that the true Owner may have it again.

[Reprinted: sale of negro slaves, as in August 26; sale of salt by Samuel Lilly, as in August 12; sale of English newspapers, as in June 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

A. E. Numb. 126.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 9. to Monday September 16. 1706.

NY

[OF the four columns of this two page issue, three are filled with foreign news, under date of Lisbon, July 3, concerning military movements in Spain and the Low Countries.]

Maryland, Aug. 27. Since my last Her Majesty's Ship the Greenwich is arrived from *England* to *Virginia*, who is Commodore to the Homeward bound Fleet, that consists of about 200 Sail, under Convoy of 5 Men of War, & designs to Sail the latter end of this Month.

New York, Sept. 9 From Pensilvania we have the Account of 2 Sloops arrived there from Virginia, that came from thence the 29th last, who said that the Fleet for England was to Sail the 1st Currant.

His Excellency Col. *Nott* Esqr. late Lieut. Governour of Virginia dyed about 14 days before they came away, was sick but 5 days.

We daily expect Capt. *Patience* from England.

Outward bound are Capt. Bond and Laurier for London Via

Virginia, and Capt. Budge Via Piscataqua, Rolland for Jamaica, Gravenradt for Boston, and Coddin for Rhode-Island.

Her Majesties Ship the Tritons Prize will go to Sea the first fair Wind on a Cruise.

On Wednesday last his Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* Sailed from hence for Albany.

Piscataqua, Sept. 12, Several of the Sculking Indian Enemy have lately been seen, a Company went in pursuit of them, but could meet with none.

Last night arrived here from Boston Her Majesty's Ship the Dover, Capt. Mathews Commander.

Bristol Sept. 12. Mr. *Nathan Hayman* in the Ship Thomas & Francis bound for Antigua, will Sail in ten days.

Rhode-Island, Sept. 13. One Penrose in a Sloop from Barbadoes is arrived here. Outward bound are Godfrey and Codner for Suranam, and Gross for Madera.

Salem, Sept. 14. Capt. Francis Ellis in the Ship Pleasure is bound for Suranam.

Boston, On Wednesday the 11th Currant Sailed from *Nantasket* Her Majesties Ship the Dover, Capt. *Mathew's* Commander for *Piscataqua.*

Her Majesties Ship the Province Galley Capt. *Southack* Commander, is returned from Her Cruise, and is bound out again upon another.

Capt. *James Grant* Sailes for White-haven in *England*, the Latter end of this Month.

On Saturday night Her Majesties Ship the Deptford arrived at Nantasket from her Cruise.

And on said night Capt. James Pitts arrived here from England, who left Plymouth the 11th of July last, that came out in Company, with Capt. Geerish and Capt. Lowder for this place, under Convoy of Four Sail of Men of War, viz. the Faulkland, the Warrick, and the Larke, with 12 Sail of Merchant-men for Newfoundland, and the Gosport for Jamaica, with several Merchantmen, and some for Guinea: And Capt. Patience for New York: Capt Holland was Loading in London for the said Port.

Capt. Geerish and Capt. Lowder arrived at Nantasket on the Lords-Day

Inwards,		From
John Smith	Sloop Dolphin	Connecticut
Peter Coffin	Sloop Society	Nantucket

Cleared Outwards,		For
Benja. Flood	Sloop Benj. & Mary	Piscataqua
Willi. Rhodes	Sloop Rose	Rhod-Island
Tho. Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Nantucket
Daniel Wair	Sloop Adventure	Connecticut
John Pattison	Brigt. Providence	Jamaica
James Berry	Ship Swan	Barbadoes
Outward Bound,		For
Richard Simes	Brigt. Richard	Topsham
Azor Gale	Ship Friendship	Jamaica
John Harris	Brigt. Sarah	Ditto
John Devereux	Sloop Mary	N. Jersey
Tho. Winsor	Brigt. Adventure	Suraname
Tho. Ball	Sloop Elizabeth	Fyall

Advertisements.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 127.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday September 16. to Monday September 23. 1706.

NY

[IN this issue of four pages, nearly five and a half columns are filled with foreign news. At the top of the first column, on the first page, is the editorial note about the contents of the issue. Immediately following are the letters from the burgomasters of Brussels and the States of Brabant to the duke of Marlborough. From London, under June and July dates, are reports of the campaigns in Flanders and Spain, and there is other news of like character from Turin, Rome, Lisbon and Perpignan. In the domestic news, prominence is given to a Thanksgiving proclamation of Governor Dudley, and an account of the murder of Simeon Stoddard.]

In our Last we promised you the Copies of some Letters written to his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough* immediately upon his obtaining of the Signal Victory in *Flanders*, over the *French* Army, under the Command of the Duke of *Bavaria;* which follow. We also promised you in this a more full Account of the Publick Occurrences of *Europe*, brought in the Ships from *England:* The chief whereof you have had in our Publick Prints for these 8 weeks past. The more particular Account whereof you shall (God willing) have in our succeeding Prints, with the other Occurrences that came not to our hands till now, by reason of several Publick Prints

coming from *England* to the Undertaker that miscarryed, by the Vessel they were in being taken: And to compleat our Print with the Publick News of *Europe* (as well as those of the *West-Indies*, besides those of this and the Neighbouring Provinces;) we must return where we left off to carry on the same. So that any one having our Prints for the Year, will be furnished, not only with all that is material in the Publick Prints of *England*, but also with the Occurrences of the *West-Indies*, and of this and the Neighbouring Provinces.

Antigua, *August* 22d. [This letter begins with a report of the victories of the duke of Marlborough in Flanders and then continues as follows:] Monsieur *du Casse* is came out of *France* with a Squadron for the *West-Indies*, and we fear another attack upon some of Her Majesties Plantations. We speedily expect 16 Sail of Men of War with 6000 Land Forces, to make a descent some where upon the Enemy. . . . We are afraid by reason of some flying Reports from St. *Thomas's*, that *Jamaica* is attacked by the Enemy.

By His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, and *New-Hampshire* in *New-England* A PROCLAMATION

for a General THANKSGIVING.

U*Pon due Consideration of the late* Extraordinary *and* Eminent *Appearances of Divine Providence, demanding Publick Acknowledgments, with Solemn* Praise *and* Thanksgiving *unto Almighty God; In Special, For His Gracious Protection and Assistance of Her* Sacred Majesty, *in the just War, in which Her Majesty is now Engaged; and for the Good Conduct and Courage wherewith Her Majesty's Armes, in Conjuction with Her Allies, have been Inspired, to the obtaining of so many Wonderful and Glorious* Victories *over their Proud Insulting Enemies; thereby disappointing their boundless Ambition.*

As also, for the Defence Vouchsafed to these Her Majesties Plantations, Against the Attacks of the French, *who, this present Summer, have made their Impressions upon some of Her Majesties Islands; For defeating the Designs and Attempts of the barbarous* Indian Enemy *and* Rebels, *and so for preventing of their Outrages; For the plentiful* Harvest, *after the immoderate Rains and Excessive Floods, in the begining of the Summer; For the great Measure of Health; The Return of many of our Prisoners from the* French *and* Indian *hands; And for other Great and Publick Blessings.*

I *Have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, to Order and Appoint* Thursday *the* Seventeenth *of* October *next, to be Religously Observed as a Day for* General Thanksgiving *throughout*

both the Provinces: Exhorting both Ministers and People in their Publick Assembly's, thereon, to Offer up most Sincere and Hearty Praises to Almighty God, for His so Great and Admirable Favours and Benefits. Hereby forbiding *all Servile Labour upon the said Day.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Nineteenth Day of *September*, 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GGD, [sic] of *England, Scotland,* France and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

By Order of His Excellency, the
Governour and Council, *J. DUDLEY.*
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Boston. We have by the Ships from *England*, the Melancholy News of the Death of Mr. *Simeon Stoddard* Merchant; [Son to *Simeon Stoddard* Esqr.] a Young Gentleman of an unblemish't Character, belonging to this Place; who was barbarously Murder'd.

And Whereas some false Reports have been raised concerning the manner of his Death, much to his Injury: It is thought proper by several Gentlemen, to give an Account of the Matters of Fact relating hereto, as far as is come to our Hands; that so his Honour and Reputation, who was known to be a Person of Indisputable Vertue, and uncommon Piety, might not be Wounded thro' Ignorance, or from any worse Principle.

He was found the 14th of last *May* in a Pond or Gravel Pit in *Chelsea* Fields, with his Throat Cutt: His Corps was view'd, and his Wounds Examined by two Eminent Surgeons, who jointly declared, That it was evident to a Demonstration that he was barbarously Murther'd; being Cut from Jugalar to Jugalar one way; and a second Incision made round his Neck to the very Spondyls of the Neck-bone; and a third Incision under that, in which his Neckcloath was Cut, and he Cut near to the Shoulder: which they determin'd could never have been done but by a Murderers hand: and that it was absolutely impossible to have done this himself, had he attempted it; inasmuch as the smallest of these great Incisions would have determin'd all manner of power to make a second, much less a third. This judgment of the Surgeons was Confirm'd by the judgment of the Honourable Col. *Mordant*, Brother to the Earl of *Peterborough*, who was a Spectator; and his known Skill in Anatomy rendred him a proper judge.

A Jury of Sixteen Persons sat upon him, and made their Return, That he was Murthered; And all this passed while it was unknown who the Person was, and so could not be thro' favour. His Body lay several days exposed to view in the Church-yard at St. *Martins* in the Fields, that it might be known who he was: And not being

known by any of the Spectators, the Vestry Clerk of the Parish of St. *Martins*, Prints an Advertisement in the **Post-Man** of *May* 30th, in which he is accurately described, in order to find out who he was; which Advertisement begins thus: *Whereas a Person unknown was found barbarously Murder'd* &c. By which Advertisement some Gentlemen of Mr. *Stoddards* Acquaintance, were put upon, to make Enquiry after him, and finding he had been absent for some time, and the Characters given of the Murder'd Person Suiting him; they obtained Liberty to take him up in the Church-Yard, where he had been Buried and found it to be their Friend.

Upon this, There were Advertisements Published in several GAZETTS for the discovery of the Murtherers; with the proposal of a Reward of *Fifty Pounds* to the Discoverer. In the GAZETT of *July* the 4th. A Proclamation from Her Majesty under the Hand of One of Her Majesties Principal Secretarys of State, to Encourage such a discovery. In these Words, *Whereas Mr.* Simeon Stoddard *Merchant, was, about the 14th of* May *last found most barbarously Murther'd, in or near* Chelsea-*Fields: Her Majesty is pleased to Promise Her most gracious Pardon to any Person or Persons concerned in the said Murther,* (*Except the immediate Mutherer, or Murtherers of the said Mr.* Stoddard) *who shall discover the Person or Persons that committed the same, so that he or they, or any of them, may be Convicted thereof.*

By the pains taken for the discovery. A Man and a Woman have, upon Suspicion, been taken up, and Committed to *New-gate.* The Grand Jury have found the Bill against them. There being Three Witnesses, who made Oath, That they heard the Woman Say to the Man (upon a Quarrel between them,) *Will you Murther me, as you did the Gentleman in* Chelsea-*Fields;* adding, That he came home with his hands bloody; and that he repented only that he had left the Gentleman so much Money in his Pocket. Their Tryal is put off to the next Sessions, that there might be time to gain further Evidence, which is probable will be to their Conviction.[165]

New-York, Sept. 16th. On the 10th. Instant arrived here a Sloop from Madera, Six weeks passage, Simon Pasco Master. By whom we have the same News that is in the Boston News-Letter, Numb. 125. with this addition, That Prince Eugene has obtained a Victory over the French in Italy.

Letters from Pensilvania inform us, That the Virginia Fleet were to Sail from thence to England the 10th Instant.

Adolph arrived here yesterday from Boston.

Rhode-Island, Sept. 20th. On the 15th. Currant came in here

165 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 169, under date Satterday Septr 21; also *note* 2, same page.

Moses Butterworth, who Sailed from hence sometime in August last, bound for Barbadoes, he had 23 Horses on board; And the first Instant he met a violent Storm, which had like to have oversett him; he lost all his Masts, Horses and Guns.

Yesterday arrived here one Hooper in a Katch, who met with the same Storm above said, wherein She lost her Masts and Horses, She was bound from Boston to Montserrat.

Arrived Rhodes from Boston, and Codding from New-York; Lothrop bound for Connecticut.

Salem, *Septemb.* 21. On the 18th Arrived here Mr. *John Shattuck* about 11 weeks passage from *Lisbon*, and says, [concerning affairs in Spain].

Yesterday arrived here Mr. *Girdler* from Cape Sables, and brings Tydings that a Ketch belonging to this Town whereof *Joseph Woodbury* was Master, was Cast away upon Cape Sable Coast; the men endeavoring to save the Cables, Anchors, Rigging and Sails, with the assistance of another Vessels Crew; one *Robert Herbert* of the said Crew was shot down by the Cape Sable Indians, and the rest of the men made their escape.

Boston, By Letters from *Madera Via New-York* of *July* 16. and *August* 8. [Charles proclaimed King of Spain.]

	Inwards	From
Elisha Hedge	Sloop Speedwell	Fairfield
Peter Harris	Sloop Dolphin	New-Lond.
James Pitts	Ship David & Joseph	London
Richard Geerish	Ship Ruth Frigot	Ditto
Henry Lowder	Ship Thomas & Sarah	Ditto
Richard Ingersol	Sloop Sea-flower	Surranam
Joseph Rawlings	Sloop Mary	Antigua
	Cleared Outward	For
Eleazar Collins	Brothers Adventure	Piscataqua
John Hoddy	Brigt. Adventure	Ditto
Joseph Allen	Sloop John & Mary	Connecticut
George Phillips	Sloop Supply	Ditto
Alexand. Duncan	Sloop Friendship	N. York
John Holland	Brigt. Tyger	Madera
John Blany	Ship Ann	London
	Outward Bound	For
Edward Beare	Sloop St. Christoph.	St. Christoph
Thomas Lanyon	Sloop Return	Virginia
Thomas Gwin	Ship Eagle Galley	Antigua.
Jonathan Lambert	Ship Industry	Ditto

Thomas Beard	Ship Adventure	Madera.
James Gold	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania

Advertisements.

TO be Seen and Sold at Mr. Thomas Clarke Brazier his Shop in Boston, a large Copper that weighs 245 Pound, and holds upwards of a Hogshead.

[Reprinted: book lost, as in September 9; Mistress Mary Turfrey's boarding school, as in September 9; sale of salt by Samuel Lilly, as in August 12; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 128.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 23. to Monday September 30. 1706.

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[IN this issue prominence is given to the proclamation of Queen Anne, April 11, 1706, for better enforcing the law against Roman Catholics. There are items of war news from Gibraltar, Venice, Warsaw, Lisbon, Vienna and Leghorn, of March and April dates.]

New York, Sept. 23 On the 17th Instant arrived here Capt. *William Patience* from England, who left Plimouth the 11th of *July* last in Company with Capts. *Pitts*, *Geerish* and *Lowder* for Boston, who brings the same News mentioned in the Boston News-Letter, Numb. 126.

On the 19th arrived here a private Ship of War, the New-York Galley, Capt. *Regnier Tongrelou* Commander, and brought in a Prize Ship of 170 Tons, having on board 460 Hogsheads of Sugar, about 1200 pound of Indigo, some raw Hides and Cotton. Off Cape Franswa Capt. *Tongrelow*, two Jamaica Privateers, and one of Curacoa espyed 5 Sail and gave them Chase: Capt. Tongrelow took the biggest which is the Prize brought in here: The *Jamaica* Privateers took three, and that of Curacoa one, they were most or all of them Vessels that were taken out of Nevis Road by Monsieur Deberville, & by him Loaded.

The Prisoners inform us for Truth that Monsieur Deberville fully resolved to come hither, and in order thereunto had got 6 Privateers to joyn him with 5 Men of War, but Providence attacked him with a great Sickness and Mortality which happily frustrated all his measures, & obliged him to go to the Havanna; We hear he has sent two of his Men of War to M[i]ssishippy, and 'tis believed he is Returned towards France with the rest.

The Prize brought hither is an English built Ship, and was lately call'd the Monserat Merchant.

Capt. *Tongrelow* intends to Careen and fit his Ship again with all expedition, and be gone to Sea in 4 or 5 weeks time.

On the 20th arrived here a Ship from Exuma with Salt, *William Mizon* Master.

Mr. Gravenraedt will Sail this week for Boston. Outward bound are Gibbins for Barmuda, Adolph for Boston and Wymbolt for Rhode-Island.

Piscataqua, Sept. 26th. The Mast Ships under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the Dover, Capt. *Mathews* Commander, will be ready to Sail from hence for *England* again the 12th Day of *October* next.

Rhode-Island, Sept. 27th. One *Borrow* is arrived here in a Sloop from Turks-Island with Salt.

Boston, Monday last being the 23d Instant, His Excellency the Governour, and several Members of the Council, Officers and Gentlemen went down to the Castle to make their Rejoycing for the Great and Good News from all Parts, of Her Majesties Glorious Successes and Victories.

And at three of the Clock after Dinner, all the Cannon of the Castle were Discharged, and followed by the Volleyes of the Town. After which Her Majesty's Frigot, the Galley, and a number of Ships Fired all their Guns, which was followed with Bonfires and Illuminations in several parts of the Town in the Evening, every body shewing their Hearty and Sincere Satisfaction in the good News.

His Excellency has been pleased by Proclamation, further to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province that stood Prorogu'd unto *Wednesday* the 2d. of *October* next, unto *Wednesday* the 23d day of the said Month at 9 a Clock in the Morning, and then to Sit.

Inwards		From
George Giddings	Sloop Hopewell	Piscataqua
Joseph Giddings	Sloop Eunice	Ditto
Anthony Bracket	Sloop Katherin	Ditto
Thomas Sill	Brigt. Wil. & Mary	Fyall
William Clarke	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
Cleared Outward		For
John Walker	Sloop Endeavour	Connecticut
Benjamin Gold	Sloop Coronation	Piscataqua
John Kidder	Pink Hopewell	Jamaica
Thomas Lanyon	Sloop Return	Virginia
Outward Bound		For
Nathaniel Coffin	Ship Industry	Jamaica

John Symkin	Bark Blessing	Antigua
John Waters	Sloop Betty	St. Christophers
Thomas Gilbert	Ship Wreen Frigot	Ditto
Woodard Tay	Brigt. Hanover	Madera.

☞ *THese are to give Notice to any Person or Persons who design to send any Letters for* England *via* Piscataqua, *to go either by Her Majesties Ship the Dover, The Mast Ships, or any other Vessels; That they may bring them to the Post-Office in* Boston, *and paying the Postage, shall be carefully put on board the respective Vessel or Vessels they are directed to go by.*

Advertisements

ANegro Infant Girl about Six Weeks Old, to be Given for the Bringing up: Inquire of John Campbell Post-Master, and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 129.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday September 30. to Monday October 7. 1706.

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[SEVEN columns of this six page folio issue are filled with foreign news. From Lisbon, April 7 and April 19, and Alcantara, April 14, are accounts of the siege and capitulation of Alcantara to the English and allied forces. From Paris there is a report of the siege of Barcelona, and other war news of March and April dates from Madrid, Rome, Turin, Vienna and elsewhere. Among the domestic news the speech of Lord Cornbury to the General Assembly of the Province of New York is featured by being set in large type, and it fills more than two columns.]

Falmouth, April 13. The 9th Instant came in here the Great Cortien, a Privateer belonging to *Flushing*, and brought in 2 Prizes, one called the *Belle Bruno* of *Nantes*, of 250 Tuns homeward bound from *Martinico*, and laden with Sugar, Cotton and Cocco, which was taken after half an Hour's Resistance, wherein she had her Main and Mizen Masts shot by the Board; the other is named the St *Philip*, of 200 Tuns Burden, belongs to Bayonne, and was bound from thence with Salt, Wine and Brandy, for *Newfoundland*.

Jamaica, August 9th. One the 28th *July* Arrived here Commadore *Kerr* from *England* with 10 Sail of Men of War, and a fire

Ship, with the Ships under his Convoy. Admiral *Whetstone* on the 8th Currant hoysed his Flag on board Her Majesties Ship the Windsor, and Sailed for *Cathageen* or *Portobel* on the Spanish Coast with 10 Sail of Men of War, and the fire Ship. The Fleet for *England* will Sail when Admiral *Whetstone* returns.

Her Majesties Ship the *Reserve* brought in here a French Privateer of 10 Guns and 90 Men. A Dutch Privateer brought in another of 8 Guns and 80 Men.

Pulsifer from *Boston* is bound for *England*, *Charnock*, *Thomas*, *Balston* and *Buckly* designs to Sail for *Boston* in a Week hence.

St. *John's Newfoundland*, *Sept.* 19th. About a Month ago having notice of some mischief done by the French and Indians at *Pelicum*, Major *Loyd* our Governour imbark'd on board a Sloop with about 60 Souldiers & Saylors, and went to Trinity Bay, where they Landed, and pursu'd the Enemy, kill'd their Sentinel, and took four Prisoners, and would have taken the rest (being 22) had not the Sailours been too hot to fire before Command. One of the Prisoners advised, That they were to return to *Placentia* over a small River where lay a boat and 3 Men ready to attend them: Major *Loyd* having this account marched to the place, trapan'd the French men and took them Prisoners, and all 7 were brought here by Land, and are kept in the Fort.

Several Prizes have been taken here this Summer; Her Majesties Ship the *Larke* brought in one here. Her Majesties Ship the *Mountigue* brought in a French Privateer of 16 Guns, who Cruised out of *Placentia:* The said Privateer took one *Gardner* in a Sloop from *Boston*, and a Portuguese Ship bound in here: She also took another Sloop from *Boston.* Her Majesties Ship the Swallow Prize carryed in a Prize to Ferryland. The Prince Eugene a Letter of Marque Man of 16 Guns, one *Eastman* Commander (who Sailed the 13th Currant for *Leghorne*) took 14 Prizes on the Banks; three whereof he brought in here, and the other eleven were ransomed. Capt. *Holeworth* took two Prizes and Sunk one. Two other Ships took three between them. Sundry other Ships took each their Prize.

Here are 70 Sail of Merchant men, and five Sail of Men of War, *viz.* the Faukland, Warrick and Lark from England: The Montigue (who Sailed the 13th Currant for *England* before the Fleet by reason of a Leak) and the Faulson who arrived a little time ago from the West-Indies. Her Majesties Ship the Swallow Prize Capt. Padon Commander lies at Ferryland who was ordered out yesterday on a Cruise for 10, days till the Ships there: being abou[t] 12 Sail are getting ready. On the 13 also Sailed the Foulson on a Cruise.

Our Commadore has notified the Fleet, That he will Sail the last of this Month, but fear that the Ships will not then be ready, by

reason of so much foul Weather, hardly a fair day in a week. Capt. *Michael Gill* arrived here last week from the Northward, and being Loaded intends to Sail for Portugal the first fair Wind, there being no other *N. England* Vessels bound there but he and Capt. *Arthur Savage.*

Yesterday an unlucky accident fell out, One *Burbank* Mate of *Edwards* in a Sloop from *Boston* carrying some small Arms on Shore, at the Landing of them, one Goss, of their Company was saying they were very rusty, *Burbank* bid him Snap one of them, having no Priming, which he did, the Gun going off at the same time, Shot *Burbank* through the head, and kill'd him immediately.

Point-Judith, Sept. 19. P. M. Her Majesties Ship the *Triton's-Prize* pass'd by this place; standing for *Newport.*

Philadelphia, Sept. 26. On the 24th arrived one *Selwood* in a Sloop from *Virginia,* who came out of the Capes the 19th Instant, by whom we are acquainted, That the Fleet for *England* consisting of about 270 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War Sailed out of the Capes of *Virginia* the 17th Instant: Nineteen Sail of Ships that was left behind the Fleet, Sailed out of the Capes with the said *Selwood.*

Letters from *Linn-Haven* Bay of the 14th of *Septemb.* Tell us that a Ketch was lately arrived from Liverpool 8 weeks passage, who gives an account, [war news from Flanders and Spain.]

On the 24th one *Keele* arrived in a Sloop from *Turks-Island* with Salt, brings no News. The same day arrived Capt. *Thomas Hurst* in a Privateer Sloop belonging to this place, who came from *St. Johns Newfoundland* the 17th of the last Month, in the Bay of *St. Marys,* he took a French Prize Ship of about 120 Tuns loaden with dry Fish, just ready to Sail for *France:* On the 21st Capt. *Hurst* put his Lieutenant and 9 hands more on Board the Prize, and ordered them to make the best of their way for this Port, they had the *French* Master and Doctor on Board the Prize, the rest of the *French* being about 20 Ran ashore; The Prize is not yet arrived.

New-York, Sept. 30. On the 23d Instant arrived here a Sloop from Barmuda with Salt, who two days before she came in fell in with part of the Homeward bound *Verginia* Fleet off the Capes, the Fleet consisted of about 200 Sail, under Convoy of 4 Men of War.

On the 25th. His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from the Frontiers at *Albany.*

On the 27th about one a Clock in the morning a terrible Fire happened here in the House of one *John Sheppard* which in a few hours was burnt down, they saved nothing, and the Family narrowly escaped being burnt in their beds, a Servant Maid dyed of her burns

the same day. His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* made a Speech this day to the Assembly (which is as follows) [166]

On the 28th arrived here a small Prize Ship which was taken by a Dutch Briganteen, Consort to Capt. *Tongrelow*, which is also arrived here, She is Loadened with Brandy, Oyl, *&c.* and was bound from *Nants* to the *Havanna.* [167]

Yesterday arrived one *Marsh* in a Sloop from Rhode Island, who is bound to Pensilvania.

Outward bound are a Sloop for Surranam, 2 for Jamaica, one for Curacoa, one for Rhode-Island and Piscataqua, and two for Boston.

The S P E E C H of His Excellency Edward *Viscount* Cornbury, *Captain General and Governour in Chief of the Province of* NEW YORK, *To the General Assembly, the 27th day of* September, 1706. [168]

Gentlemen;

WHen I dismist you at the end of the last Sessions, in *June* last, I acquainted you, that tho' I could not assent to the Bill you tender'd to me, for the raising the Sum of *Three Thousand Pounds* towards the fortifying of this City, yet I could not reject it, hoping that I might receive such directions from *England* as might make that matter more easie; I am very glad I can now acquaint you that my expectations are answered: I have received Letters from the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, containing Her Most gracious Majesties Commands to Me, to permit the General Assembly of this Province to Name their own Treasurer when they raise extraordinary Supplys for particular Uses, and which are no part of Her Majesties standing and constant Revenue; but the Treasurer so nominated must be accountable to the Governour, Council and Assembly: Warrants may be issued by the Colonels, Captains, or other Persons, as the Act shall direct, but the Governour must always be inform'd of the occasion of issuing of such Warrants; and all Persons concern'd in the issuing and disposing of such Moneys,

166 The speech does not follow here but appears as placed below on this page.

167 Captain Tongrelow was one of the most active and most successful privateers operating at this time off the coast between New York and the West Indies. His captures were frequently recorded in the columns of the News-Letter. In the Mss. New York Council Minutes preserved in the office of the Secretary of State in Albany is this entry concerning one of his adventures: "July 4 1706 Captain Tongrelou, commander Privateer New York Galley took French ship off Petit Guavas in Oct 1705."

168 This speech of Lord Cornbury is printed in the Journal of the Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York, Vol. I, pp. 213-214, Gaine Edition. A previous speech of Lord Cornbury, June 27, 1706, is in the same volume, pp. 212-213: in the latter he reproaches the members of the Assembly for not having passed the money bills as he had desired without amending clauses.

must be made accountable to the Governour, Council and Assembly.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have acquainted you with Her Majesties Pleasure relating to the passing of Bills for the raising Moneys for extraordinary Supplyes.

Gentlemen, I am commanded by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, to acquaint you, That Her Majestys Council for this Province have undoubtedly as much to do in forming of Bills for the granting and raising of Money, as the Assembly and consequently have a right to alter or mend any such Money Bills, as well as the Assembly.

Their Lordships likewise observe, That in the Preamble of the 1700 *l.* Bill, there is an Error in not granting the Money, thereby intended to be raised, to the QUEEN, which need not hinder the Assembly from appropriating the Money to be granted, to such Uses as are found requisite.

Their Lordships further observe, That the Penalty in the last Clause in the 1700 *l.* Bill, is of an extraordinary nature, such as no Assembly any where else ever attempted before; and they say, it is highly presumptuous in the Assembly to pretend to propose or pass any Clause whereby Her Majesty is restrained in Her Royal Prerogative of pardoning or reprieving Her Subjects whenever She sees it reasonable & convenient; and they Command Me to acquaint the Assembly with these Matters, that the like Errors may be avoided for the future.

I am further to acquaint you, That their Lordships are of Opinion, that Province of *New-York* ought to provide towards its own security, by giving such necessary Funds (as is done in other Plantations) for furnishing the Inhabitants with Arms, as there may be occasion; and this their Lordships command Me likewise to represent to you.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have acquainted you with those things I had in charge from *England*. I shall now mention to you those things, which in My opinion ought now to be provided for; and first, I desire you to observe, That by the directions I have now received, it is impossible for Me to pass the 3000 *l.* Bill in the terms it is now conceived, therefore I entreat you to prepare another Bill for that Service, according to the Methods above mentioned.

I must likewise recommend to your consideration the providing a Fund for the paying the Detachment sent up under Capt. *Higby's* command, for the defence of the Fronteers, in the year 1704. and the out-Scouts under the command of Capt. *Brat*, and since that time; and likewise for defraying the charge of Col. *Schuylers* Journey to the *Onondags* Country, at a time when we were in great danger of having the five Nations debaucht from their Allegiance to the Crown of *England*, which was prevented by his going; this was so good a

Service that I hope you will think it reasonable that charge should be answered.

I must likewise acquaint you, That by accident, very lately, the Guard Room in the Fort at *Schenectady* was burnt down, with a great quantity of Fire-Wood, which had been provided for this Winter now coming on, I should be glad that might be repaired before the cold Weather comes, else it will be impossible for the men to keep guard in that place, which lies the most exposed of all our Fronteers; I will direct an estimate to be laid before you for that purpose.

I must again recommend to you the providing a Fund for the repairing and maintaining Her Majesties Fort in this City, which yet wants several things to put it into a posture fit to resist an Enemy, if we should be attackt, which we very narrowly escaped this Summer. Whether you will think fit to fortify the Narrows to prevent any attempt of the like nature for the future, I leave to your considerations; but, in my judgment, I look upon that to be the best Way to cover this City from any attempt the French may intend to make upon us; and I chuse to mention it to you at this time, the rather because Capt. *Redknap* whom the QUEEN has been pleased to appoint to be Her Engineer in these parts,[169] is now here, and will, if you desire it, give you an account what he thinks proper to be done, to answer that end.

The last thing I shall trouble you with at this time, is the providing a Fund for the defence of the Fronteers at and about *Albany* this Winter, one hundred men, and five and twenty out-Scouts will, in my opinion, be sufficient to answer that Service.

Thus, *Gentlemen*, I have offered to you what I think necessary to be provided for, if any other things occur to your thoughts, which may be necessary to be provided for by a Law, you shall always find Me ready to consent to any thing that may conduce to the Service of Her most Sacred Majesty the QUEEN, and the Good and Well-fare of the Country.

Rhode Island, Octob. 4 Yesterday arrived here Captain *Nathaniel Balston* from *Jamaica*, he brings no News, but that our Fleet is gone over on the Spanish Coast to bring the Spaniards to declare for their King *Charles* the 3d, which they are all inclinable to do.

Her Majesties Ship the Triton's Prize from *New-York* has lain here a Fortnight. There came a Briganteen from *Antigua*, which had 6 pieces of small Canvas on Board her, which was to make her small sails and mend her other as the Master declares on Oath, but

169 Captain John Redknap, "Her Majesty's Engineer General for the Continent of America," successor of Colonel Wolfgang William Romer, builder of Castle William in Boston harbor in 1701-1703.

the Man of War sent his Boat out to her, found that and se[i]zed her, and carried her to *New-York*.

Tillinghust from *Connecticut*, *Gillam* from *Connecticut* bound to *Boston*, *Jonas Green* from *Connecticut*, & bound there again: *Rodman* for *New-York*. Outward Bound *Ellery* for *Barbadoes*, *Cranston* for *Curacoa*, and *Cuquit* for St. *Christophers*.

Boston, On the 4th Currant arrived here the Ship Batchelours Adventure, *Mathew Wilson* Master, about five weeks passage from *Fyall*, who about 5 weeks before came from *Lisbon*, by whom we are advised; [several items of foreign news.] That three days before his Arrival at *Fyall* there was a great Storm there wherein were lost three Vesse[l]s from *New England*, viz. *Welsh* and *Jarvies* from *Boston*, and the other from *Salem*.

On *Saturday* a Sad and awful Providence fell out; There was 14 Men on Board the Pinnace of Her Majesty's Ship the Province Galley coming from *Nantasket* to *Boston*, who about 2 aClock in the afternoon, with little or no Wind off *Long-Island* Head by a Jeeb of the Sail, over-set the Pinnace, eight of the men were saved, & the other six were drowned, *viz* Mr. *Nicholas Thomas Jones*, *Christopher Hunlock*, *Samuel Payne*, *John Mayhew*, *John Johnson*, *&* *Deras Denison* a *Frenchman* & Chyrurgion.

Capt. *Charnock* from *Jamaica* is arrived at *Plymouth*.

Inwards,		From
Joseph Flood	Sloop John & Abigail	Piscataqua
John Wilkins	Sloop Bathseba	Rhode Island
John Brewer	Katch Goodhope	Maryland
John Pitts	Sloop Rebecca	Jamaica
Tho. Hunt	Sloop Panther	N foundland
Mathew Wilson	Ship Batchelours Advent.	Fiall
Cleared Outward,		For
Antr[h]ony Bracket	Sloop Kathern	Piscataqua
Jonathan Hunlock	Ship Wil. & Hannah	London
Thomas Lock	Ship Tryal Galley	Ditto
John Trerice	Ship Reward	Ditto
John Alden	Ship Swallow	Topsham
Samuel Winkley	Sloop Sarah & Han.	Virginia
John Harris	Brigt. Sarah	Jamaica
James Gold	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
Outward Bound		For
James Oborne	Sloop Blackthorn	Virginia
John Ruggles	Brigt. Good Luck	Barbadoes.

Advertisements.

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tress Mary Turfrey's boarding school, as in September 9; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

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From Monday October 7. to Monday October 14. 1706.

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[FOUR pages folio. The queen's thanksgiving proclamation is prominent on the first page, with an editorial introduction. Miscellaneous foreign news of April dates is from Hague, Vienna, Frankfort and London. An account of the attack upon Charleston, South Carolina, by French and Spanish ships of war, in the preceding August, fills three columns.]

In regard that the Day of Publick Thanksgiving (appointed by the Governour, to be Solemnized in this and the Province of *New Hampshire;* as by His Excellency's Proclamation to be seen in our Numb. 127. for the several Clauses therein mentioned, and in special for the Great and Signal Victories obtained by Her Majesty's Arms in Conjunction with Her Allies, over the Enemy) falls to be in the Currant Week. We thought it not amiss here to entertain our Encouragers with her Majesty's Proclamation for the said Thanksgiving; though afterwards we must return to carry on the Foreign Occurrences where we left off. [The proclamation follows.]

Charlstown, South-Carolina, Septemb. 13.

CAROLINA being a Frontier to the *English* Settlements on the Continent of *America;* We long expected an Attack from our Enemies the *French & Spaniards*, and accordingly we took care to fortify *Charlstown*, and make all other necessary preparation for our defence.

Monsieur *Le Feboure*, Commander of a Private Man of War being at the *Havanna* with 4 more *French* Privateer Ships, being encouraged by the Governour of the *Havanna*, and reinforced by several *Spaniards* put on board the *French* Ships, he undertook to Invade *Carolina*, having direction first to touch at St. *Augustine*, there to take in more men, and then to make for this place.

The Enemy were the more encouraged to Invade us (as the Prisoners informed us) because they heard that the Sickness raged in *Charlstown*, and had swept away a great many of our Men, and that the Country Planters would be unwilling to come to Town to defend it.

Our first discovery of the Enemy was by means of Capt. Stool in a *Dutch* Privateer Sloop belonging to *New-York*, who lately refitted here and Sailed from hence to the Bar of St. *Augustine* there to Cruise for a Ship expected from the *Havanna* with mony to pay the Souldiers of that Garrison.

On *Saturday*, *Aug.* 24. Capt. *Stool* returned again to this Port, who informed us, that on *Wednesday* last he Engaged a *French* Ship off of St. *Augustine* Bar, where he lost two men, and had 5 wounded; and that the day before he was Chased by four Ships upon this Coast. He had not been here above an hour before 4 or 5 Smoaks were made on *Sulivans* Island, which signified to us that so many Vessels were seen.

Lieutenant Col. *William Rhett* being then in Town about 5 a Clock at night, he caused an Alarm to be made, and dispatched a Messenger with a Letter to the Governour, giving an Account of the same, and other Messengers and Letters to the several Captains in the Country, to order them to make the Alarm, and forthwith to march their Companies to the Town, and at night caused the Alarm Guns at Town to be fired.

That Evening the Enemy came up with our Bar, but would not venture to come over, but stood off again, it being near night.

On *Sunday* the 25th Our Look-outs discovered the Enemy to the Southward of the Bar, Maning all their Galleys, Periaugers and Boats, upon which we expected them to Land upon us that night. In the Afternoon Major-General *Broughton* came to Town with 2 Companies: And most of the Gentlemen belonging to the Troop, Commanded by Col. *George Logan* came also in; all which kept a diligent Watch that night.

The next Morning *Monday* the 26th. The Country Companies marched out of the Lines of the Town, and had their Quarters within half a quarter of a mile of the same, it being thought convenient not to expose them to the Sickness of the Town but in case of necessity. All that day the Enemies Ships continued at Anchor at *Folly Island*, and their Boats were sounding the South Bar. The same day Sir *Nathaniel Johnson* our Governour came to Town and gave the necessary Orders: his Presence gave great encouragement to the People, who had great Confidence in his Conduct, he having been bred abroad a Souldier from his Youth. In the Evening the Forces were again ordered into the Town.

On *Tuesday* Morning early Capt. *Johnson Linches*, & Capt. *George Hearnes* Company marched within a quarter of a mile of the Town, ready to march in when ordered. And Capt. *Jonathan Drake's* Company from *James* Island came over to the Town. The same Morning the Enemy with 4 Ships and a Galley with Small Craft to

Land their Men came over the South Bar, and stood directly for the Town with fair Wind and Tide: When they came so near the Town as to have a sight of our Fortifications being out of the reach of our Guns, they bore up and came to an Anchor under *Sulivans* Island. The same morning the Governour drew up all the Forces that were Quartered near the Lines of the Town, and marched them into the Town in order to receive the Enemy. And a Sloop was sent over from *Charlstown* to a Neck of Land lying between *Wando* River and the Sea, and took on board Capt. *John Fenwick* and his Company, & brought them safe to *Charlstown*, notwithstanding one of the Enemys Galleys endeavoured to intercept them. In the Evening Martial Law was Proclaimed.

Wednesday morning the 28th. Capt. *Longbois* with the Santee Company marched into the Town, as also did Capt. *Seabrooks* Company from the Southward. That morning a Council of War was held, and the Vessels that lay in the Harbour were fitted, *viz* Three Ships, one Briganteen, two Sloops and a Fireship in order to annoy the Enemy, the said Ships and Vessels to be under the Command of Lieut. Col. *William Rhett*, who had a Commission from the Governour to be Vice-Admiral, and hoisted the Union Flag on board the Crown Galley. The same day a Flag of Truce came on Shore from the Enemy with a Message to the Governour. The Messenger being brought into *Granvile Bastion*, then Commanded by Capt. *George Evans*, who had the Command of one of the Town Companies which was posted there, the Messenger waited till the Governour was made acquainted with his Message. And being Introduced to the Governour, he told him he was ordered by Monsieur *De Feboure* who was Admiral of the *French* Ships, in the Name of the *French* King, to demand that we should Surrender to him the Town and Country, and our Persons to be Prisoners of War; and he said his Orders was to give but one hours time for an answer. The Governour told him that it needed not a quarter of an hour or a minutes time to give an answer to that demand, for that he might see he was not in such a Condition to be obliged to Surrender the Town, but that he kept the same, and would defend it in the Name and by the Authority of the Great Queen of *England*, and that he valued not any Force he had, and bid him go about his Business.

The next day being *Thursday* the 29th, a party of the Enemy went on Shore on the above-named Neck of Land between *Wando* River and the Sea, and burnt two Vessels by Col. *Dearsleys* Creek, and set fire to the said Col. *Dearsleys* Store-house. And another party of them went on Shore on *James-Island* and set an House on fire; upon which Capt. *Drake* with his Company belonging to the said Island, was ordered to it from the Town, but before he could march

up where the Enemy were, some Indians that went from the Town with him, marching faster than he, Attacked the Enemy, and drove them into their half Galley.

On *Fryday* morning about an hour or two before day, notice being brought by a Negro, that the Enemy had been on Shore on the neck all night they having landed about 160 Men, and had killed several Cattle and Fowls and were then feasting of it: The Governour ordered about 100 men to be sent from the Town to the said Neck, *viz.* Capt. *John Fenwick* with his Company about 70 men, and a Detachment of about 25 men from Capt. *Linches* Company, and another Detachment of about the same number from Captain *William Cantey's* Company; both the said Detachments to be under the Command of Capt. *Cantey*. The said Capt. *Cantey* and Capt. Fenwick being with their men Landed on the Neck, they marched in pursuit of the Enemy, when coming up with a party of them, they engaged them and defeated them, killing and wounding above a dozen upon the spot, and six or seven were drowned in trying to swim over a Creek, and took about 33 Prisoners with the Loss only of one man on our side named *William Adams* (formerly of *N. England.*) Afterwards the Indians brought in several more Prisoners which made the number about 60 besides what was found kill'd in several places in the pursuit.

On *Saturday* morning the 31*st*. Our Fleet consisting of six Vessels and a Fireship, under the Command of Col. *Rhett* as Vice-Admiral Sailed for the mouth of the Bar where the Enemy lay, who perceiving our Ships to stand towards them, in great haste and confusion Sailed over the Bar and made the best of their way, and they having a favourable Wind and Tide before them, and dirty Weather coming on, our Ships were not able to come up with them, so they returned again to the Harbour before *Charlstown*.

On *Sunday* in the afternoon being the 1st of *September*, Capt. *Watson* in the Seaflower was ordered to go to the Bar to see if he could discover any of the Ships or Vessels belonging to the Enemy, not being able to discover any of their Ships or Vessels, and returning again to Town from a Point of Land on the Neck, the said Capt. *Watson* took off 14 more Prisoners, and brought them to Town, and informing the Governour that he could make no discovery of the Enemy, they having made the best of their way: That Evening the Alarm was discharged, and Martial Law declared to cease. At night News being brought to the Governour, that there was a Ship seen in *Seway-Bay*, and that some of their men were Landed; and it being thought to be the Ship that the Prisoners told us the Enemy expected, in which was Monsieur *Arbouset* their Land General, and several other of their Officers, and about 180 or 200 men.

The next Morning being *Monday* the 2d of *September* a *Barmuda* Sloop then in the Harbour, together with the *Dutch* Privateer Sloop, both under the Command of Col. *Rhett*, was ordered forthwith to Sail for the said Bay to take the said Ship: Col. *Rhett* went on Board the *Barmuda* Sloop as Commander in Chief, and Col. *Risbee*, Capt. *Evans* and some other Gentlemen went on Board the *Dutch* Privateer as Volunteers, and that morning both the said Sloops sailed over the Bar, and made the best of their way for *Seway-Bay*. Capt. *John Fenwick* and his Company were sent over to the Neck in search of them by Land.

On *Tuesday* the 3d about Noon Capt. *Fenwick* and his Company, with some others of the Patrole came up with the Enemy, who though they were more in number than our men, and advantageously posted, yet our men charging of them, and several of the Enemy falling, the rest cryed out for Quarter; so they killed about 12 or 14 of the Enemy, and took about 50 Prisoners, and brought them to *Charlstown*, amongst which is Capt. *John Pacquereau* the Commander of the said Ship, with 4 more Officers; and afterwards some few more Prisoners were brought in. In the evening of the same day the two Sloops before-mentioned under the Command of Col. *Rhett* coming up with the Enemies Ship at *Seway*, and ready to lay her on Board, the Enemy cryed out for Quarter, and surrendered up their Ship and yielded themselves Prisoners, being between 80 and 90 men then on Board.

On *Wednesday* the 4th. the Wind being contrary, the two Sloops with their Prize being forced to remain in the Bay, Col. *Rhett* dispatched away by Land Mr. *John Barnwell* who was a Volunteer on Board him, with an Express to the Governour, giving an Account of his Success.

On *Fryday* morning, the 6th Instant, The said two Sloops under the Command of Col *Rhett* returned from *Seway-Bay* in *Charlstown* Harbour, and brought with them the *French* Ship their Prize, with their Land-General and several other Officers on Board.

So that now we have in all about 230 Prisoners *French* and *Spaniards*.[170]

The Mortal Distemper we have had here has been over six weeks ago, only among *Children*, *Strangers* and *Indians*.

Jamaica, *Sept.* 10. On the 24th last there was brought in here as Prizes 4 large *French* Merchant-men Loaden with Sugar and Indigo, taken by a Privateer Briganteen belonging to this Place and a *Dutch*

170 Upon this report chiefly is based the account of this affair in Rivers's A Sketch of the History of South Carolina to the Close of the Proprietary Government by the Revolution of 1719, pp. 210-213: see note p. 213. Also see McCrady's History of South Carolina under the Proprietary Government, 1670-1719, note p. 400.

Sloop. It's said that there is 90 Cask of Indigo on board one of the Prizes.

Admiral *Whetstone* and his Squadron is returned from the *Spanish* Coast, and its said that the *Spaniards* decline to send home the Galloons under *French* Convoy, but rather incline that they should go under *English* Convoy. Admiral *Whetstone* with the Fleet for *England* was designed to Sail the 24th currant.

John Scot in the Briganteen *William* is arrived here from *Boston.*

Barbadoes, *Sept.* 13 Capt. *M[y]les* from *Boston* is arrived here, and the other Vessels under his Convoy.

This day sails a Fleet from hence, consisting of about 60 Sail most for *England*, three whereof for *Virginia*, *Taylor* for *Boston*, several Sloops for *New-York*, *Dunscum* one of them; A Briganteen and 2 or 3 Sloops for *Pensilvania*, some Sloops for *Rhode-Island:* They came out under Convoy of 3 Men of War, *viz* the *Kingsayle*, Capt. *Castle* Commadore, the *Swan* and the *Maidstone.* Sir *Bevill Granvile* our Governour is gone Home for *England* in the Fleet.

New-York, Octob. 7. On the 3d arrived one Joel in a Sloop from Antigua, but last from Barmuda.

On the 4th & 6th arrived 2 Sloops from Barbadoes, a Brigt. is also arrived here that was seized at Rhode-Island by Her Majestys Ship the Triton's Prize. Yesterday also came in here a Brigt. belonging to Maryland, Mathew Driver Master, who was bound for England with the Virginia Fleet, but by a Storm which they met with on the 19th of September last they sprang a Leak, & came in here to repair their damage.

This afternoon is also come in here a Ship another of the Virginia Fleet disabled by the Storm, they left the Fleet scattered ten days ago.

Rhode-Island, Octob. 11. Several Vessels arrived here this week Nichols from New-York, Pain and Whitamore from Connecticut. Four Sloops from Barbadoes, Ellery, Rosbothen, Bear & Sherman: Bordin from New-Providence and Smith from Suranam. Cleared Outward, Rodman for New-York, Nichols for Boston, Codner for Surranam, John and Benjamin Cranstons for Curacoa. Outward bound Borrows for Barmuda, & Godfrey for Surranam.

Piscataqua, Octob 11. The Mast-ships will be ready to Sail for England the latter end of next week.

Boston, on *Tuesday* the 8th Currant arrived here a Sloop from *Nevis*, *John Stevins* Master, by whom we are informed that Col *Johnstoun* of *Antigua* was kill'd by a Lieutenant.

On *Wednesday* the 9th arrived a Brigt. from *Barbadoes*, *Tho. Taylor Master*, who says, That Capt. *Castle* in Her Majesty's Ship

the *Kingsayle* who was Commadore to the Fleet he came out in Company with, Dyed in two days after they left *Barbadoes.*

On *Fryday* the 11th came in here the Brigt. Susanna, Samuel Boyes Master, being one of the Virginia Fleet bound for England, who on the 29th of September last sprung a Leak in a Storm and put in here to refit.

Several Vessels for *England* have lain several days at Nantasket waiting for a Wind to carry them to Piscataqua in order to joyn the Mast Ships, to imbrace the Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the Dover, Capt. Mathews Commander.

On the 13th Currant at night His Excellency (being bound for his other Government of New-Hampshire who was also Wind bound several days) Embark'd on Board Her Majesty's Ship the Province Galley, Capt. Southack Commander.

Inwards		From
Cartaret Gillam	Sloop Tryal	Connecticut
Simon Ramee	Sloop Charles	Ditto
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
Simon Pasco	Sloop Stephen	Ditto
Noah Parker	Brigt. Pelican	Antigua
John Charnock	Ship Society	Jamaica
John Stevens	Sloop Mary Rose	Anguilla
Thomas Taylor	Brigt. Experiment	Barbadoes
Rich. Metcalfe	Ship Francis & Eliz.	Ditto
Andrew Wilson	Ship Sarah Galley	Ditto
Joseph Flint	Ship Prudent Sarah	Ditto
Nath. Perkins	Brigt. Success	South-Carolina
Thomas Phelps	Sloop Greyhound	North-Carolina
John Webster	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto
Tho. Grose	Sloop Hope	Ditto
John Ela	Brigt. Dove	Virginia
John Pickman	Ketch Seahorse	Ditto
John Babbage	Ship Oporto Merch.	Newfoundland
John Robinson	Brigt. Larke	Saltertuda
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland
Cleared Outward		For
Francis Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Connecticut
John Smith	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
Peter Harris	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
Peter Coffin	Sloop Society	Nantucket
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Noah Parker	Brigt. Pelican	Ditto
Abra. Gording	Sloop Fortune	Ditto

John Porter	Brigt. Experiment	Tercera
Jeremiah Tay	Brigt. John and Ann	Ditto
Thomas Ball	Sloop Elizabeth	Antigua
Rich. Harris	Ship Eagle	Ditto
Rich. Pitcher	Brigt. Lydia	Plymouth
Tho. Barns	Brigt. Sarah	St. Christophers
John Blower	Ship Stanier Galley	Madera
Math. Pimer	Ship Ann	London
Rich. Simes	Brigt. Richard	Ditto
Rich. Tilhurst	Brigt. Association	Jamaica
Andr. Wilson	Sloop Flying Horse	South-Carolina
Outward Bound		For
[blank] *Eastwick*	Sloop Seaflower	Rhode-Island
Tho. Hunt	Sloop Panther	Jamaica
Nath. Vial	Hester Galley	Ditto
Tho. Taylor	Ship Experiment	London

Advertisements.

RAn away from their Master Nathaniel Niles Junior of Point-Judith in Narraganset, a Negro Woman with 4 small Children, three of them are Molatto's, and the youngest a Negro, that sucks or is lately weaned; The Woman is of a middle Stature and thick set. The Eldest of the Children is not above 10 or 11 year old, the two eldest are Girls, the other two Boyes. Whosoever shall apprehend the said Negro Woman & her Children, or any of them, and do bring and Convey her or them or any of them, to their said Master, or secure her or them, or any of them, and send notice thereof to her or their said Master, shall be sufficiently rewarded and satisfyed for their pains.

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From Monday October 14. to Monday October 21. 1706.

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[FOUR folio pages, seven columns filled with foreign news. Most space is given to details of the surrender of Alcantara, the siege of Barcelona, the submission of Placentia to King Charles, and the movements of the duke of Marlborough in Holland; these reports are from Whitehall, Paris, Madrid, Lisbon, Vienna, Hague, Mayence and elsewhere, of April and May dates.]

Piscataqua, Octob. 18. On Monday the 14th Instant, His Excellency our Governour arrived here in Her Majesty's Ship the Province-Gally from *Boston.*

Several Vessels are also arrived here from *Boston* to *Joyn* the Mast Convoy, which it's thought will not Sail before the next Post overtakes them.

Boston, On Thursday the 17th Currant, was devoutly Solemnized here the day of Publick Thanksgiving, appointed by His Excellency's Proclamation, (in our *Number* 127) to be Religiously observed in this and the Province of *New-Hampshire*, for the many Signal Favours and Blessings conferred upon us in these Provinces, and in a special manner for the Wonderful and Glorious Victories obtained by Her Majesties Arms in Conjunction with the Allies, over the Proud and Insulting Enemies, thereby disappointing their boundless Ambition.

By a Sloop from *Cape-Ann* we are informed, That two Sloops from thence to the Eastward met a *French* Shallop from *Placentia* bound to *Port-Royal*, who had lost themselves, and being very short of Provisions surrendered themselves Prisoners of War: On Board the Shallop were three French-men and a Boy, Two Casks of Brandy, and a Hogshead of Wine; having taken out of the Shallop what was valuable, they sunk her, and brought their Prisoners and what they took out of her to *Cape-Ann.*

On Saturday night the 19th Dyed Mr. *Elias Heath*, of this Town, Merchant.

Several Vessels Sailed this week for *Piscataqua*, in order to *Joyn* the Mast Convoy.

On the 20th arrived *John Corney* from *Virginia*, *Bryan Smith* from *Newfoundland*, *Peter Leach* from *Surranam*, and *Andrew Gravenraedt* from *New-York.*

On Wednesday the 23d Currant Sitts the General Assembly of this Province, unto which day they stand Prorogu'd.

Inwards		From
Jeremiah Vaile	Sloop Mary	New-foundland
James Hill	Brigt. Susanna	North-Carolina
Nathanael Balston	Ship Elizabeth	Jamaica
John Buckley	Brigt. Abig. & Sar.	Ditto
William Thomas	Brigt. Amity	Ditto
Cleared Outward		For
Abraham Gording	Sloop Fortune	Piscataqua
Benjamin Flood	Sloop Benj. & Mary	Ditto
Joseph Flood	Sloop John & Abig.	Ditto
William Smallage	Sloop Prosperous	Connecticut

James Grant	Sloop Tryal	Whitehaven
Daniel Jinkes	Brigt. Dorothy	London
Thomas Miller	Ship Enfield Green	Ditto
Thomas Foster	Sloop Tho. & Charles	Ditto
Robert Sears	Ship Charles	Ditto
James Jeffries	Ship Dart Galley	Ditto
Peter Hawcksworth	Ship Mary Fortune	Ditto
Jonathan Evans	Brigt. Experiment	Plymouth
Stephen Eastwick	Sloop Seaflower	Virginia
Outward Bound		For
John Pullen	Brigt. Dove	Barbadoes
Thomas Ruck	Brigt. Fraternity	Ditto
Bartholomew Green	Brigt. Dove	Ditto
John Fisher	Sloop Blackthorn	Virginia
Jonathan Ranson	Sloop Timothy	Ditto
John Rawlins	Sloop John & Tho.	Jamaica.

[The Southern & Western Post not yet come in at the Printing hereof at 8 a Clock Monday Morning.]

Advertisements.

TO be Sold at the North End of Boston, on reasonable Terms, the one half of a Dwelling house, containing a Seller, Rome over, a Chamber and Garret with Land appertaining, and part of the Well, formerly the Land of James Priest: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

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[IMMEDIATELY following an introductory editorial paragraph at the top of the first column of this issue, and under date, St. James, May 17, 1706, is an account of the defeat of the French army at Ramellies, and also reports of military movements in Spain, Italy, Poland and elsewhere on the continent. Other foreign news, which has been mostly received from Ireland, by vessels lately arrived at Newfoundland, completely fills three of the four pages of the number.]

N*Otwithstanding that we have already in our preceeding Prints given you from time to time the account of the Great and Signal*

Victory obtained (by the Blessing of God upon the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies) on the 12th of May *last, by the* English, Dutch *and* Danish *Forces, under the Command of His Grace the Duke of* Marlborough *and Monsieur* D'Auverquerque *over the Enemy's Troops in the Netherlands: As is to be seen in our* Numb. 120, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126 *and* 127. *As it then came to our hands, to which we still refer you; yet we thought it not amiss having come that length with our Foreign Occurrences, as to Entertain the Encouragers of this Publick Print, with the more particular Relation of the said Victory from the Publick Prints of* England, *which is as follows.* [Here the account as stated in the note above.]

St John's Newfoundland, October 3d There is arrived here a Briganteen from *Leverpole*, but in 7 Weeks from *Dublin;* by whom we have the *Dublin* Gazette of *July* 27th, & another Print of *July* 31st. to which I refer you for News. Only shall add, That the John & Abiel Briganteen from *Boston, William Blair* Master was arrived at *Leverpole* in July last. That a Briganteen from *Pensilvania* loaden with Tobacco was arrived at *Belfast* the 6 of *August* last, the Master and Merchant know not their names but both are Quakers. . .

That 4 Sail of French Merchant-men, one whereof a Privateer being Loaden with Provisions bound from *France* to *Martinico*, were taken by Her Majesties Ships the Speedwell & Shoram, and carried in to *Dublin.* Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to give the 4 Prizes to the Gentlemen of *Nevis* & St. *Christophers*, and are bound there under the Convoy of her Majesties Ship the Speedwell.

This day we had great rejoycing here and firing of Guns, upon Account of the good News.

Boston, From *Ireland* by the way of *Newfoundland* we have this following Account out of the *Dublin* Gazette of *July* 27. *Numb* 132. [Here follow more than three columns of general foreign news, principally of the war.]

New-York, Octob. 14. On the 18th arrived here a Sloop in 10 days from *South-Carolina, Abraham Sanford* Master, by whom we have the Journal of the Invasion of that Government by the *French & Spaniards* (which was Printed in our *Boston* News-Letter, Numb. 130, to which we refer you.) We have also advice from thence, That Monsieur *Deberville* and the Governour of the *Havanna* were both poisoned there, and buryed in one Grave, and that the *French* Ships were returned to *France.* That the Government of *South-Carolina* had sent all the *French* and *Spanish* Prisoners whom they had taken in the Invasion, to *Virginia*, in order to be transported to *England*, except about 90 or 100 Indians, who they have Sold for Slaves.

On the 9th and 12th arrived two Vessels from *Barbadoes* that came

out with those mentioned in my Last.

Outward bound are, *Coward* for *Jamaica*, *Hutchins* for *Antigua*, and *Cox* for Curacoa.

We have great Rains here and mighty Floods: They write from Albany, that the late great Rains has caused the greatest Flood there that ever was known; they say that *Renslaers* Island was 6 foot under water, and that it drowned their Low Lands.

New-Haven, *Octob.* 16 On the 3d, 4th and 5th days of this Instant, there fell an excessive Rain, which caus'd an unusual Flood in *Connecticut*-River, which was accompanyed with a very hard Gale of Wind between the East and South, to the great damage of the People upon that River, it covered all the Meadows, & carryed away near 1000 Load of Hay, besides the loss of the Second crop of Grass, and other Losses.

New York, *Octob.* 21. Yesterday Dyed Capt. *Tho. Miles*, late Commander of Her Majesty's Ship the *Tritons* Prize.

To morrow His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* sets out for His Government of *New-Jersey*.

Outward bound are *Davis* for *Guinea*, *Grant* for *Jamaica*, *Coding* for *Rhode Island*, and *Duncan* for *Boston* this week.

The *Philadelphia* Post not yet come in.

New-Haven, *Octob.* 22 On Thursday the 17th Currant Dyed here *William Jones* Esqr. Late Deputy Governour of this Colony. Aged 82 Years.

Piscataqua, *Octob.* 25 On Thursday the 24th Instant, His Excellency our Governour went from hence for His other Government of the Massachusetts Bay.

On the said Day Sailed the Mast Fleet with the other Vessels for *England*, and 2 for *Lisbon*, consisting of 21 Sail, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Dover*.

Boston, On Wednesday last the 23d Instant met the General Assembly of this Province. On the said day dyed here Mr. *Humphrey Parsons* of this Town Merchant, Aged 64 years, and was interr'd on Fryday the 25 Currant.

On Thursday the 24 The Briganteen Experiment, *Thomas Taylor* Master bound for *London*, Sailed from *Nantasket* to *Piscataqua*, in order to Joyn the Mast Fleet Convoy, which 'tis hop'd he did.

On Saturday the 26 His Excellency arrived here from His other Government of New-Hampshire.

☞ *All the Letters that came from* New York *and other places Post Paid, and those received at* Boston, *these three last Posts,*

to be forwarded to the Fleet at Piscataqua, bound for England, *were made up by the Post Master of* Boston *in several Packets, Directed for the Master of the respective Vessels they were ordered or writt upon to go by, which said Letters and Packets were safely delivered each Post at Piscataqua, to the said Masters, and particularly those of the last Post before the Fleet Sailed, on Thursday the 25 Instant.* [171]

Inwards		From
Simon Nichols	Sloop Ann	New-York
John Hedge	Sloop Speedwell	Fairfield
Giles Hall	Sloop Lyon	Saybrook
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Abell Jones	Sloop Larke	Maryland
Samuel Moor	Brigt. Plymouth	Surranam
Benj. Andrews	Sloop Endeavour	Virginia
Bryan Smith	Brigt. Moses	Newfoundland
Benj. Edward	Sloop Elizabeth	Ditto
Leuis Hunt	Sloop Victory	Ditto
Cleared Outward		For
Simon Pasco	Sloop Stephen	New-York
James Webber	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
James Gold	Sloop Coronation	Ditto
Josiah Minot	Ship Samuel	London
Thomas Taylor	Brigt. Experiment	Ditto
James Levingston	Ship Wren Frigot	St. Christophers
Outward Bound		For
John Babbage	Port-Merchant	Topsham
Joseph Milton	Brigt. Dove	Jamaica
Peter King	Ship Society	Ditto
Thomas Fox	Brigt. Friendship	Curacoa
John Brewer	Sloop Content	Ditto
Richard Coller	Sloop Mary Rose	Nevis
Thomas Porter	Brigt. Lamb	Ditto
Henry Lowder	Ship Tho. & Sarah	Virginia
Matth. Armstrong	Sloop Swallow	Ditto
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland

Advertisements.

STollen or Lost out of the House of Mr. William Bright of Newport on Rhode-Island Inn keeper the 18th Day of September last, a plain Silver Hilted Sword without a Guard fashionable, with Paris Mark. As also a Silver Tankard which held near 2 quarts,

171 See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 630-631.

the handle wrought with Chas'd work, the Lid scollopt and turn'd
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the outside, the bottom markt W. S. The Workmans mark R. C. Whosoever shall bring back the said Sword or Tankard, or give any true Intelligence of them unto the above-said Mr. Bright, so as that he may have them again; or unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, shall be Sufficiently rewarded and satisfied for their pains; If either or both be offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop them and give notice as abovesaid.

STray'd or Stollen out of Mr. Stephen Easton's Farme on Rhode-Island the 18th of September last, a Black Gelding about 14 hands high; he Gallops, Trotts and Paces, has a white slip on the Nose, the Main hanging on the near side, branded I N on the near Hipp, a small matter of white on both hinder Feet. As also Stollen or Lost a good new quilted Saddle with all its Furniture wrought and Fring'd with green Silk. Whoever gives any true Intelligence of the abovesaid Horse and Saddle either to Mr. John Vial at the North-End of Boston, or unto Mr. Gilbert Magick of Newport in Rhode-Island, so as that the true Owner may have them again, shall have 20 s. reward and all reasonable Charges paid. If either or both be offered to be sold or pawned, you are desired to stop them & give notice as above-said.

A Negro Woman aged about 26 years, to be Sold. Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, & know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 133.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday October 28. to Monday November 4. 1706.

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[ANOTHER four page number, more than half filled with foreign news. There is a detailed report of the operations of the English and Dutch armies under the earl of Peterborough, which resulted in the relief of Barcelona, besieged by the French; and other foreign news from Hague, Vienna, Frankfort, London and other cities, of May dates. In the domestic news are included the speech of Governor Dudley at the October sitting of the General Court, a proclamation "for the better Regulation of Seamen and Mariners," and the usual shipping news.]

Montserrat, Sept. 27. We have a Packet arrived here, who left

England the 10th of *August* last.

This day Sails our Fleet for *England*.

Boston, Three Vessels are left behind that intended to Joyn the Mast Convoy ere they Sailed from *Piscataqua*, for *England;* One whereof is the Briganteen Experiment, *Jonathan Evans* Master, who in her going from *Boston* to *Piscataqua*, was Embargo'd by Contrary Winds in Hampton Bay; and on the 27th last in a Storm was drove on Shore, most of her Cargo Saved, but the Vessel incapable of going to Sea again. A second is the Briganteen Experiment (mentioned in our last) *Thomas Taylor* Master, who met the same Storm, and miss'd the Convoy, is put in to Marblehead, and Sailes again the first fair Wind. The third is the Ship Samuel, *Josiah Minot* Master, will Sail in a short time.

Her Majesties Ship the Province Galley, is returned from *Piscataqua*.

The SPEECH of His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY*, Esqr. Captain General and GOUVERNOUR in Chief of Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts Bay* in *New-England:* To the Honourable the Council and Representatives in General Court Assembled at *Boston*, *October* the 28*th*, 1706.

Gentlemen,

I *Am now to acquaint you that the Summer is past, and by the favour of Almighty God, we have been happily preserved from the Inroads of the* Indian *Enemy*, (*notwithstanding their great distance of Settlement from us, being gone over to the* French, *has given them advantage to come with the more secrecy upon the Frontiers*) *which has very much depended upon our good Intelligence of their motions towards the several Parts, and our Readiness to receive them, which nevertheless has greatly aggravated the Summers Charge.*

But I should be wanting in my Duty to Her Majesty's Good Subjects, if I did not acknowledge and recommend to you the readiness and chearfulness of the Souldiers in all Parts, both of the standing Forces and of the Militia to march at the shortest warning, a well as of your own Readiness to support the Charge, which I have at all Times, and particuarly by the Fleet now gone, Humbly Laid before Her Majesty.

And I must acknowledge that I have always been Assisted, and the Service forwarded by the Officers of the Revenue at home, as well as the Military Officers abroad.

What is wanting in this Session for the benefit of the Province, I shall be glad to be advised of, and desire the Assembly will proceed therein.

Mr. Treasurer will acquaint the House of Representatives with the present state of the Treasury, and experience has Assurred me of your Readiness in the Supplies, in which I desire you earnestly to Consider of such Rules for the equal Laying of Taxes, lest the method of the As-

sessment be more grievous than the Tax it self.

I must further acquaint you, That I am again Commanded to represent to you, that the Different values of the money passing amongst us both contrary to Her Majesty's Proclamation, as well as the Laws of the Province, as they are hurtful to us, so they are very unacceptable at home, which I desire you will Consider.

I have often moved since I have had the Honour to Command here, that you would provide some proper Laws for the benefit of this Town, and other places of Trade, that Measures and Weights may be set of Provisions, Wood and Hay coming to Market, *the want whereof is very prejudicial to all honest men, both the Buyer and Seller.*

I desire you will proceed in every thing with all freedom and Unanimity, and that we may not burthen the Province with any long and unnecessary Attendance here.

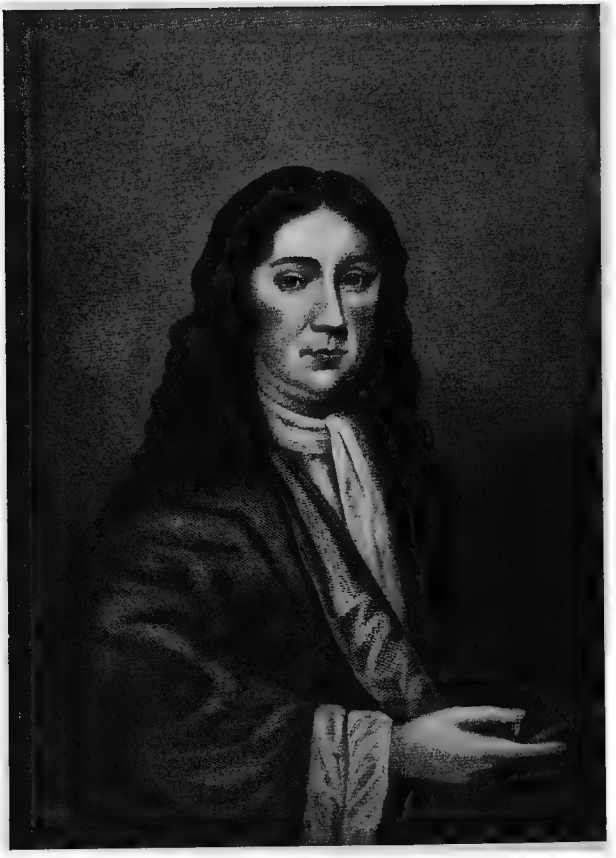
I shall give you the present Rate of the Forces in the several Parts, and desire your Advice therein.

By His Excellency *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay, &c.* in *New England:* A PROCLAMATION, for the better Regulation of Seamen and Marines.

WHEREAS the Laws of this Province have made good & wholesome Provision against the Entertaining, Hiding or Assisting the Escape of Seamen and Marines, duely Ship't in the Service of the Sea, or Trusting and Crediting them in their Expences, without the Knowledge and Allowance of the Captain or Commander. Notwithstanding which, divers Persons have been so hardy, as to Transgress the Laws in that respect, To the very great Hurt and Injury of Her Majesties Service in Her own Ships, as well as of the Trade of the Province in Merchant Ships,

I Have therefore thought fit, by & with the Advice of Her Majesties *Council, to Issue forth this Proclamation for the better preventing of such mischiefs for time to come; And to render the Persons the more inexcusable, That shall be convicted of Shipping, Entertaining, hiding or concealing any Sailour or Marine actually in Her Majesties Service and Pay, or duely Ship'd for Voyages in Merchant Ships; Or that shall be convicted of Trusting or Crediting of any such without Leave as aforesaid; Every person or persons so as aforesaid offending, shall not only Lose their Debts, but also be prosecuted and punished with the utmost severities of Law.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston*, the first day of *November*, 1706. In the Fifth Year of the Reign of Our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of GOD of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*



GOVERNOR JOSEPH DUDLEY

Governor of Massachusetts and New Hampshire, 1702-1715. He was a native of Massachusetts, son of the first Governor Dudley, president of the council under Governor Andros, and the first chief-justice of the colony of New York. Several of his proclamations have never been printed except in the columns of the News-Letter, and they are reprinted in this and succeeding volumes of AN HISTORICAL DIGEST OF THE PROVINCIAL PRESS

By Order of the Governour with
the Advice of the Council. *J. DUDLEY*
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Boston, Capt. Blue is arrived here from Montserat.

Letters from *Oporto* of *Septemb.* 12. *N. S.* Say, [Foreign news.]

Inwards		From
Benj. English	Sloop Speedwell	N. Carolina
William Tillet	Sloop Elizabeth	Ditto
Jotham Odiorne	Ship Nich. & Susan	Piscataqua
Anthony Bracket	Sloop Katerine	Ditto
John Groce	Sloop Speedwell	Saybrooke
Eben Parker	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Ditto
Alexan. Duncan	Sloop Friendship	New-York
Francis Norris	Sloop Seaflower	Monserat
John Richards	Brigt. Endeavour	Nfoundland
Cleared Outward		For
Abell Jones	Sloop Larke	Virginia
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
Jona. Ranson	Sloop Timothie	Ditto
John Babbage	Ship Oporto Merch.	Topsham
Edward Beere	Sloop St. Christopers	St. Christoph.
Outward Bound		For
Andrew Wilson	Ship Sarah Galley	Barbardoes
Thomas Phelps	Sloop Greyhound	N. Catolina
Ezekiel Cravatt	Ketch Dolphin	S. Carolina
Eben. Hathorne	Brigt. Unity	Tercera
George Peirson	Sloop John & Mary	Virginia
John Secom	Sloop Boneto	Jamaica

New-York, *Octob.* 28. On the 24th. Instant arrived here a Sloop from Jamaica, who left that Island the 9th. of *September*. The Master says, That a Packet was arrived from *England*. That Admiral *Whetstone* was to Sail for *England* in *September* with three men of War, and the home-ward bound Fleet under his Convoy.

On the 26th. arrived one Croxston in 30 dayes from *Antigua*.

One of the Virginia Fleet who put in here to repair some damage received in a Storm, will Sail from hence to *England* in 3 or 4 Weeks at furthest.

New-London, *October* 31st. This day is Celebrated throughout this Colony, A Day of Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD, for the Glorious Victories granted to Her Majesties Arms, and those in Con-

federacy with Her: And for the Signal Goodness of GOD vouchsafed to this Colony, and the rest of Her Majesties Provinces in these Parts.

Rhode-Island, *November* the 1st. On the 25th of the last arrived here one *Brooks* in a Sloop from Barbadoes, who on Tuesday the 24th of *September*, met with a Turnado there, She stood off and on the Island till Fryday the 27th, when she came from thence, and then saw several Vessels ryde out the Storm. There was a Pensilvania Sloop put on Shore.

Advertisements.

LOst a Fore-Sail, a Fore-Top-Sail, and some other Rigging, belonging to the Briganteen Experiment, *Jonathan Evans* Master, that was Stranded at Hampton. Whoever shall find the same, and bring all or any of them unto *George Jeffrey* Esq. of *Piscataqua* Merchant, or unto Mr. *Nicholas Roberts* of *Boston* Merchant, shall be well rewarded, besides all reasonable Charges Paid.

ANy Persons that wants to Borrow Money at Interest giving good Security; Inquire of *John Campbell* Post-master of *Boston*, and know further.

STole or Lost on Wednesday the 30th of *October*, out of the House of Mrs. *Mildred Dorell* Widow, A small Silver Tankard, holds about a Wine quart, Markt M. D. with the Work-mans mark I. C. Whoever shall bring back the said Tankard, or give true Intelligence of it to the Owner, shall be sufficiently rewarded for their pains: if offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop it, and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

THere is a certain Person, That calls himself by the name of *John Foster*, of low Stature, pretty fresh coloured, Aged about 28 years, Says, he is a Welsh-man, but proves to be an Irish man, That in all probability has Stole Two Horses, and a large old Silver Tankard will hold near Two quarts, has no mark discernable, but the Work-mans Name that made it; which said *Foster*, is committed to Prison at *Bristol*, by the Honourable Col. *Nathanael Byfield* Esq. One of Her Majesties Justices of the Peace, upon Suspicion of Stealing; and the said Justice sent this, Relation to be put into the Publick Print, That the true Owner may have his own, & the Fellow Justice done him.

ANegro man Slave aged about 18 years, to be Sold by Mrs. *Wakefield* Widow, and seen at her House near the North-Meeting-House in *Boston*.

☞ NOW Published An Almanack by N. W. for the Year 1707. Wherein are contained the Quarters of the Moon, Aspects of Planets, Courts, Spring Tides, Weather, Rising and Setting

of the Sun, Full Sea Ecipses, &c. with some useful Rural Instructions, that may Benefit & Encourage the Industrious Husband-man, as also the Anotomy, likewise the Form of a Bond, with a Pleasant Verse on each Month.[172] Sold by Bartholomew Green at the Printing-house at the South End of Boston, and by Eleazar Phillips Book-seller at his Shop in Charlestown.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold, as in October 28; house and land to be sold, as in October 21; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 134.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday November 4. to Monday November 11. 1706.

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[THIS four page number begins with the proclamation of Queen Anne announcing the reopening of trade with the reconquered Spanish Netherlands. Following is other foreign news, mainly of the war, from the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Grimbergh, and from Turin, Hague, Lisbon, Venice, Mindelheim and other cities, of May dates.]

Antigua, *Octob.* 3. On the 25th of *September* last, Arrived here Her Majesties Ships of War, the *Jersey* and *Shearness* from *Jamaica*, who on the 10th of the said Month in the Latitude of 28 in a Storm lost their Fore-Masts, Bowsprits, and all their Top-Masts; The *Grayhound* Man of War who parted with them in the Storm is not yet heard of: Several Vessels are put in here, and at the Leward-Islands that lost their Masts in the said Storm.

The last Packet of the 10th of *August* from *England* say, That *Cadiz* and all the Sea-ports in *Spain* have declared for King *Charles* the Third.

Four days ago we had advice from St. *Bartholomews*, of 14 Privateers Cruising for our Fleet.

Mr. *Wyborne* is arrived at St. *Christophers* with the Charitable Benevolence of the People of the *Massachusetts* Province for the Relief of the Distressed Inhabitants of that Island, being a great favour (and as I am inform'd by Col. *Crisp* one of the Gentlemen of St. *Christophers* who is now here) is accepted and resented by them

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172 Nathaniel Whittemore: born 1670, died 1754, a local maker of almanacs for many years. He published "Whittemore Revived, An Almanack for the year of our Lord 1706," by "N. W." See News-Letter No. 77 *ante*, under advertisements.

as such[173] *Tobias Green* of *Boston* who was bound thence to *Barbadoes* is at *Nevis*. Mr. *Welch* arrived here the 21st of last Month, having lost all his Horses in bad Weather.

New-York, *November* the 4th. No Vessels arrived here since my last. Outward bound are *Grant*, *York*, *Cebra*, *Bourdet* and *Coward* for Jamaica, *Follen* and *Law* for Barbadoes, *Sandford* and *Beard* for South Carolina, and *Play* for Antigua. One of the Virginia Fleet that was put back to this Port, designs to Sail for London in two or three Weeks.

The Horse in your *Numb*. 132. Stolen out of Mr. *Easton's* Farm on Rhode-Island, is now in the Custody of Capt. *Mathews*[,] *Ranger* General[174] of this Province, who about 4 or 5 Weeks ago was brought to Flatbush on Long-Island, by a man who had several pieces of broken Plate which he Sold among the Country People, and at last being suspected to have Stollen them was taken up but before he was committed, he made his escape, and left his Horse, Saddle and Bridle behind him; 'Tis believed that the Fellow who Stole this Horse has also Stollen one from Capt. *Mathews*, and another from a Farmer here, and Sold them in New-England. This Fellow Robb'd Mrs. *Sandford* of New-Jersey of a great quantity of Plate, and is thought to be the same that Stole Mr. *Brights'* Plate of Rhode-Island: 'Tis also said that this Fellow's Trade was to Steal Horses here, and to Sell them in New-England, and to Steal Horses in New-England and Sell them to the Westward; when he fled from Long-Island 'tis judg'd he Stole a horse here and rid on. His name I cannot learn (but beyond all peradventure the Thief is on[e] *John Foster*, mentioned in our Last *Numb*. 133. who is now in Prison at Bristol upon suspition of Stealing.)

Boston, On the 6th Currant arrived here *Robert Gold* in a Sloop from St. *Johns Newfoundland*, 18 days passage, who Sailed from thence the 19th of *October* last, in Company of a Fleet with about 80 Sail bound for *England*, and *Portugal*, *&c*. under Convoy of 5 Sail of Men of War.

Inwards		From
John Blue	Brigt. Dragon	Monserrat
William Cooke	Brigt. John & James	Ditto
Isaac Benny	Sloop Mary	N. foundland
John Sharp	Ship St. Anthony	Ditto
Richard Butler	Slo[o]p Mary	St. Christoph

173 See Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 561-562, 565-567.

174 Probably Captain Matthews, Ranger General.

Cleared Outward		For
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Carteret Gillam	Sloop Tryal	Connecticut
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
Simon Nichols	Sloop Ann	Ditto
Samuel Long	Brigt. Swan	Virginia
John Fisher	Sloop Blackthorn	Ditto
Thomas Beard	Ship Adventure	Madera
John Rawlins	Sloop John & Tho.	Jamaica
Outward Bound		For
William Thomas	Brigt. Amity	Barbadoes
William Fellows	Sloop Glocester	Ditto
William Arnold	Ship David & Joseph	London
Jeremiah Vaile	Sloop Mary	N. Carolina

☞ *These are to give Notice, That the Bag of Letters designed for* England *by* the *Briganteen* Experiment, Jonathan Evans *Master, that was Stranded at* Hampton, are now in the *Post Office at* Boston; *And any Person that wants their Letters again may have them.*

Advertisements.

THere is now Published Mr. Clough's Almanack for the year 1707. To which is added, a brief incontestable Demonstration, that the present year 1707. is in reality the year 1710. till Octob. 25th. And from thence 1711. of the true Christian Æra, according to the Newest and Truest Computation of the best Chronologers.[175] Sold by Benjamin Eliot under the West end of the Town-House, and Nicholas Boone near School-House-Lane, Boston.

STolen on the Lords-day night the 10th Currant out of the House of Mr. John Green, in Long-lane[176] Boston, School-master, A Silver Tankard that holds an Ale-quart, Markt in the bottom I G S The Person that Stole it left a black Dog in the House, which may be seen: Whoever shall bring back the said Tankard, or give any true Intelligence of it to the Owner, shall be sufficiently rewarded for their Pains: If offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop, it and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

ANegro Boy about 14 years Old: And also a Negro Girl about 14 years old, speaks good English, to be Sold; Enquire of John

175 Samuel Clough: born in Charlestown, 1665, died 1707, almanac maker from 1701 till his death. The issues generally bore the title, Clough [the year]. The New England Almanack. That for 1706 carried also a Latin title. See News-Letter No. 78 *ante*. The publication was continued after his death. In the issue for 1708 was printed "An Eulogy On the late Ingenious Mr. **Samuel Clough**, died 1 day of the Week at 6 in the Morning, Octob. 26, 1707, Ætatas 42."

176 Long Lane, from Milk Street to Cow Lane, now High Street. Became Federal Street in 1788.

Campbell Post-master of Boston, & know further.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday November 11. to Monday November 18. 1706.

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[ANOTHER four page number, six of the eight columns of news being foreign. From Paris, May 28, is an account of the reception of news of the French reverses in the Netherlands and in Spain. From the camp of the duke of Marlborough are accounts of the capitulation of Ghent, Bruges and other cities. Other war dispatches are from Hague, Gibraltar, Hanover and elsewhere, of May and June dates.]

Philadelphia, *Nov.* 8. *Gold* from *Boston* arrived here yesterday.

Chelmsford, *Nov.* 12. The Reverend Mr. *Sampson Stoddard* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place, on *Wednesday* the 6th Currant.

Exeter, *Nov.* 12. The Reverend Mr. *John Odlin* was this Day Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place.

Rhode-Island, *Nov.* 15. Two unfortunate Accidents fell out in our Colony this week, one *Tippits* of *Naraganset* who kept a Saw Mill, was at work about the Flood-Gate which burst, let the water in, set the Wheel a going and carried the man to the bottom, and between it and the Ground broke his Thigh in two places, and tore the other very much, and 'tis doubted if he will live. The other a Young Woman about 16 years of Age, Daughter to one *Whipple* of *Providence* going to snap a Gun, which she knew not to be loaden, the Gun went off and unfortunately shot a poor man, who died in 6 hours.

Arrived here this week *Boyce* from *Madera*, *Pecham* from *Antigua*, *Curtice* and *Hubbart* from *Connecticut; Ellery* and *Lindall* are Sailed for *Barbadoes*, and *Holmes* for *Madera*.

Piscataqua, *Nov.* 15. There Arrived a Vessel last week at *York*, one *Hull* of this place Master, from *Fyall*, who in a Storm lost her Masts, and two of her men wash'd overboard. Last week also there was one *Nathaniel Willfed* kill'd at Sacho (by some Sculking Indians,) who had been out some distance from the Fort.

Hampton, *Nov.* 15. This day was Buryed here Deacon *Page*, Aged about 73 Years, who was well on *Tuesday* the 12th Currant at the Ordination of Mr. *Odlin* at *Exeter*.

Boston, On the 12th Currant arrived here the Brigt. *William*, *John Scot* Master, from *Jamaica*, who came out from thence the 8th of *October* last in Company of about 40 Sail bound for *England*, under Convoy of Admiral *Whetstone* with 4 Men of War, Eight days before the Admiral left *Jamaica*, a Clap of Thunder split his Main Mast and Main Top Mast, kill'd three of his men, and wounded several others. The 25th of *October* Mr. *Scot* left the Fleet 35 Leagues to the Leeward of St. *Antonies*. Two of the Fleet lost their Fore Masts and Bowsprits. There came also out in Company with him Capt. *Guttridge* for this place, whom he parted with the 31st of last Month. There likewise came out of *Jamaica* with him three Vessels for *New-York*, *viz.* *Rowland* in a Snow, *Perkins* in a Briganteen, and *Milburn* in a Sloop.

On Wednesday the 13th Currant, arrived Capt. *John Miles* at Cape Ann, who left Barbadoes the 16th of *October* last: There came out in Company with him for *Boston*, *Deering*, *Jenkins*, *Bucklin*, *Horton*, *Everton*, *Cary*, *Perkins*, *Fowle*, *Wyer* and *Harris; Andross* for *Salem*, *Laurence* for New-York, *Anthony and Moody* for Pensilvania. The Pacquet from England was arrived just as they Sailed.

Samuel Boyce in the Briganteen Susanna being one of the Virginia Fleet, bound for England, that put in here to refit some damage, will Sail in 14 days.

Inwards		From
Daniel Wair	Sloop Adventure	Connecticut
John Jackson	Sloop Speedwell	Piscataqua
Nath. Harris	Brigt. Swallow	Barbadoes.
William Wyer	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto
David Bucklin	Brigt. Randal	Ditto
Joseph Everton	Brigt. Elizabeth	Ditto
John Scot	Brigt. William	Jamaica
Daniel Wyborn	Sloop Hawk	St. Christoph.
Cleared Outward		For
Tho. Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Vineyard
Tho. Phelps	Sloop Grayhound	North Carolina
Antho. Bracket	Sloop Kathrine	Piscataqua
Giles Hall	Sloop Lyon	Connecticut
John Waters	Sloop Betty	Antigua
Mat. Armstr.	Sloop Swallow	Virginia
Daniel Noyes	Brigt. Hannover	Madera
John Ela	Brigt. Dove	Jamaica
Tho. Fawkes	Brigt. Friendship	Ditto
Ephr. Breed	Ship Friendship	Ditto
John Brewer	Sloop Content	Curacoa
Esek. Gravat	Ketch Dolphin	South Carolina

Outward Bound		For
Francis Plaisteed	Belcher Frigot	Barbadoes
Elea. Armitage	Sloop Alexander	Ditto
William Clarke	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland
John Wilkins	Sloop Nonsuch	North Carolina
Obad. Wakefield	Sloop Swan	Virginia

Advertisements.

RAN-away from his Master Col. Nathanael Byfield Esq. of Bristol, last Monday Evening, the 11th Currant in a Cannooe, James Furdize a Scotch Young man, aged about 19 years, speaks good English, of a middle Stature, fair Complexion, light brown Hair, hath with him a good black felt Hat, two Jackets, the undermost of Searge lyned, the uppermost of Home-spun Kersey dyed of a pretty sad Colour, and lyned with brown linen called western Tow-cloth, a Flanel Shirt, and leather Breeches: Whosoever shall apprehend the abovesaid Servant and bring or convey him safe to his said Master, or secure him, and send any true Intelligence of him, so as his Master may have him again, shall be well rewarded, and all necessary charges paid besides.

STolen or lost 2 Silver Spoons, one markt E. E. (W) the other I. S. (C) Whoever shall bring back the said Spoons or give any true Intelligence unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, shall be sufficiently rewarded; if offered to be Sold or pawned you are desired to stop either or both, and give notice as abovesaid.

ANegro Man about 20 years of Age, and a Negro Girl about 14 years old, speaks good English to be sold: Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: house and land to be sold, as in October 21; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. Numb. 136.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday November 18. to Monday November 25. 1706.

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[ANOTHER four page number. From Vienna, June 5, is an account of the raising of the siege of Barcelona, and from the camp of the duke of Marlborough, June 7, reports of the capitulation of Antwerp and other cities of the Spanish Netherlands. Other foreign items are from London, Vienna, Hague, Frankfort and else-

where, of July, August and September dates. Among the domestic items under Boston date is the report of the arrival of Captain Samuel Appleton, commissioner to Canada for the exchange of prisoners, bringing with him the minister, John Williams and his two sons, taken at the sack of Deerfield.]

Whitehaven, Aug. 16. This day arrived the *Mary Ann* of and from *Pensilvania*, Capt. *Guy* Commander.

London, Aug. 30. The *Barbadoes* Fleet are all safely Arrived.

Whitehall, Sept. 14. [Under this date are several items of foreign news, the last relating to reports from the Earl of Galway in Spain, and this editorial comment is appended:] (This last Paragraph seems to confirm that piece of News in our *Numb.* 132. from *Oporto Sept.* 24. of a Battel fought between the Earl of *Peterborow*, and the Duke of *Anjou*, wherein the latter was totally Routed).

Barbadoes, Octob. 16. The Honourable *William Sharp* Esqr. President of Her Majesty's Council, made a Speech to the Assembly, the substance whereof is as follows: He layes before them the evil of Divisions, and of Persons seeking their own private Interests, to the destruction of the Publick, which he exhorts them to lay aside. And to use utmost Endeavours to keep the War abroad, by putting the Island in a posture of Defence which may convince the Enemy that the most favourable Entertainment they can expect will be an Ignominious Retreat.

He laments the unhappy Circumstances of the Inferiour sort of Inhabitants, who are disheartened by the fatigue, labour and insupportable expence of Military Duty, which forces them to seek support in other Places, and reduces the Militia very low: To supply which, he advises to Address Her Majesty for Forces to perform that Duty.

He also acquaints them that they cannot be ignorant, That Trade is essential even to the being of a Colony, which tender Plant all wise Governments have Nursed and Cheriished with the fondest care, and the Darling of their hopes, and the only inexhaustable Sourse of Wealth, which they ought to encourage by establishing their Credit on better grounds than now it stands.

And lastly he recommends to them the support of True Religion and Vertue, without which no State or Society ever arrived to any degree of Wealth and Honour, which alone can procure Success in all our Attempts.

Concluding, That they all should sacrifice their private Considerations to the Publick Good.

At 12 a Clock this Day arrived the Packet from *England*, 23 days passage, as the Fleet for *New-England* were just Sailing.

Boston, On the 18th Currant Dyed here Mr. *Ralph Harrison* Comptroller of Her Majesty's Custom-House.

On *Thursday* the 20th Currant arrived here Capt. *Samuel Appleton* Esqr. Commissioner sent by His Excellency our Governour a Flag of Truce to *Canada* for the Exchanging of Prisoners, who has brought with him in the Briganteen *Hope*, whereof *John Bonner* is Master, 57 of ours, of whom is the Reverend Mr. *John Williams*, Pastor of Deerfield and his Two Sons.[177] They left *Canada* the 29th of *October*. These were all that could then be got ready, and the rest are expected in the Spring.[178] The *French* say that the Indians who made a Descent on our Frontiers this Summer, finding them so Lined with men, they were constrained to throw away their Arms, Blankets, *&c.* for their more speedy flight, and returned again without so much as a flap to cover their nakedness.

Inwards		From
Joseph Johnson	Sloop Elizabeth	Pensilvania
Benja. Ellinwood	Sloop Speedwell	Salem
John Myles	Ship Unity	Barbadoes
John Jenkin	Ship Robert	Ditto
Henry Dering	Ship Abigail	Ditto
Isaac Fowle	Brigt. Abigail	Ditto
John Horton	Brigt. Tryal	Ditto
Nathaniel Cary	Sloop Katherine	Ditto
Isaac Perkins	Sloop Rosanna	Ditto
Tobias Green	Brigt. Mayflower	Nevis
John Love	Brigt. Tryal	Surranam
Philip Lewis	Brigt. Hope	Ditto
Cleared Outward		For
Jeremiah Vaile	Sloop Mary	N. Carolina
Robert Sanders	Sloop Mary	Ditto
Samuel Sanders	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
William Tillst	Sloop Elizabeth	Ditto
Joseph Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
John Webster	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto
William Clark	Sloop Endeavour	Virginia
Robert Melvin	Ship Tho & Sarah	Ditto
John Jackson	Sloop Speedwell	Piscataqua

177 Taken captive by the Indians in the sack of Deerfield, February 29, 1704/5. See Sheldon's History of Deerfield, Vol. I, pp. 337-338. See also Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, p. 173, under dates Decr 5th, Decr 7. See News-Letter No. 71 *ante*, p. 236, and No. 144 *post*.

178 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 641-642. Mr. Goodell points out an error in the date of the arrival as here given, which should be Thursday the 21st. See News-Letter No. 144 *post*.

James Cawley	Sloop Beginning	Tercera
Joseph Polley	Barque Blessing	Nevis
Thomas Hunt	Sloop Panther	Jamaica
Outward bound		For
John Richards	Brigt. Endeavour	Antigua
Mathew Wilson	Batchellours Advent.	Ditto
William Rowlson	Sloop Elizabeth	Ditto
James Barns	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
John Pitts	Sloop Rebecca	Ditto
William Webster	Brigt. Dragon	Ditto
Nathanael Harris	Brigt. Swallow	Barbadoes
Daniel Allen	Ship Nich. & Susanna	Ditto
John Blue	Brigt. Dragon	S. Carolina

On the 24th. Arrived here *Eleazar Johnson* from Antigua.

New York, Nov. 11. On the 7th Instant arrived here, one *Chaplin* from *Barbadoes* in a Sloop but last from *Barmuda.*

On the 9th arrived *Lawrence* in a Sloop from *Barbadoes* who left that Island the 16th of *October* in Company with about 12 Sail for *Boston, Anthony* & *Wade* for *Philadelphia.*

On the 10th arrived *Braduck* in a Sloop from *Madera*, and *De Hart* in a Ship from said Port, the former five weeks, and latter 9 weeks passage, but brings no News. The same day arrived a Galley from *Jamaica*, who left it the 8th under Convoy of Admiral *Whetstone* with 4 Men of War and the Fleet for England.

Yesterday *Pasco* arrived here from Boston.

Philadelphia, Nov. 15. Mr. *Anthony* and *Wade* are arrived here from Barbadoes, they came out in Company with several Vessels for New-England; The 16th of October last, just as they came away, the Packet-Boat was arrived from England, that came out thence with our Grand Fleet who were bound as 'tis said to make a Descent into France.

New York, Nov. 18. On Fryday last His Excellency my Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from his other Government of New-Jersey.

We daily expect Capt. *Holland* and Capt. *Isaacks* from England, they lay at the Nore the 1st of August ready to Sail

A Letter from Virginia advises of the arrival of a Barmuda Sloop there, who in the Lat. of 32. met with a Wreck, a Sloop loaden with Provisions having a white Stern, they took out of her several barrels of Flower, some Sails and Rigging, and left here there, there was not a Soul on board.

A Briganteen and Sloop that came out of Jamaica with Admiral *Whetstone* for this Port, are not yet arrived

Outward bound are 3 Ships and 3 Sloops for Jamaica, 4 Sloops for Barbadoes, a Sloop for Curacoa, and another for Antigua.

Capt. *Cole* for England in the Friends Adventure will Sail in 14 days at farthest.

Rhode-Island, *Nov.* 22. This week arrived here a Brigt. from Antigua, 3 weeks passage, one *Welch* Master.

Byfield, *Novemb.* 21. Yesterday the Reverend Mr. *Moses Hale* was Ordained Pastor of the Church, Newly Gathered, in this Place. N. *Byfield* is a Parish Erected out of some remote Lands of *Newbury*, and *Rowley*, lying upon the River *Parker*, near the *Falls*.

Sudbury, *Novemb.* 22. On Wednesday the 20th Instant, The Reverend Mr. *Israel Loring* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this Place.

Advertisements.

STollen on Fryday night the 22 Currant, out of a Warehouse upon the Dock in Boston, 4 Pieces of Silk Muffins, & 6 Dozen of broad Ribbands; Whosoever shall give any True Intelligence of them unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, so as that the right Owner may have them again, shall be sufficiently rewarded, If all or any of them be offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are desired to stop the same, and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

THere is lately Arrived from England very good Cordage of all Sizes, from a Spun-yarn to Cables of Ten Inches, to be Sold by Mr. Lewis Boucher Merchant, either by whole Sale or Retail at his Warehouse upon the Dock in Boston.

FOur Negro Men Slaves, to be Sold, one about 18 years old, a second about 19. a third about 20. and a fourth about 30 years, that is a Tallow Chandler & a Soap-Boyler, and a good Work-man: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

A. E. Numb. 137.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday November 25. to Monday December 2. 1706.

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[FURTHER reports of the victories of the allied armies in Flanders, including the capitulation of Antwerp, are given in this four page number. There are numerous dispatches of June dates from

Hague, Milan, Paris, Frankfort, Hanover, the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Arseele, and other places on the continent of Europe. The number opens with an editorial note, as below, introducing the foreign news.]

According to our usual manner (on the Arrival of Ships from England, Portugal, *or by the* West-India *Pacquets) we gave you in our Last, a Summary of the most Remarkable Occurrences of* Europe *for six weeks time,* viz *from the 1st of* August, *to the 15th of* September *last: And now we must proceed to the more particular Account of the Foreign Occurrences where we left off; So that any one having this Print for the year, will be furnished not only with the Occurrences of* Europe, *the* West-Indies, *but also those of this and the Neighbouring Provinces.*

Dublin, June 15. On the 4th Instant Captain *Saunders*, Commander of Her Majesty' Ship the *Shoreham*, sailing to the Westward with some Ships bound to the *West-Indies*, came up with a French Privateer of 8 Guns and 53 Men, and chased her into *Bantry Bay*, in *Beer-Haven*, where he took her. She is called the *Francis* of Cheerbourg, Captain *Owen Richard* Commander.

Plimouth, [Eng.] *June* 18. Here are come in the *Patience* of *Dram* in *Norway*, Bound hither, and a *French* Prize called the *Oliver* of *Bourdeaux*, laden with Sugar from the *West-Indies*, taken by a Privateer of *Flushing*.

Boston	Inwards	From
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Jonathan Hilton	Sloop Success	Ditto
Robert Luist	Brigt. Amity	Connecticut
Peter Sergeant	Sloop Two Friends	Ditto
	Cleared Outwards	For
Jonathan Hilton	Sloop Success	Piscataqua
John Wilkins	Sloop Nonsuch	N. Carolina
Richard Coller	Sloop Mary Rose	Nevis
John Secomb	Sloop Boneto	Jamaica
Peter Meers	Ship Blessing	Ditto
John Collyer	Brigt. Unity	Tercera
John Blue	Brigt. Dragon	S. Carolina
	Outward bound	For
Nathanael Perkins	Brigt. Success	Antigua
Isaac Benny	Sloop Mary	Barbadoes
Daniel Wyborn	Ship Robert	Ditto
Thomas Masters	Ship Cumberland	Ditto
Samuel Emes	Katch Seaflower	Virginia.

[*The Southern and Western Post, at the Printing hereof on Monday morning at 9 a Clock not yet come in.*]

Advertisements.

ANy Gentlemen, Merchants or others, that have any damnifyed Powder, or dust of Powder, either to Sell, or to be made of New, They may repair with the same unto Walter Evenden,[179] Powder-Maker, at his House in Dorchester, who will either buy it or make it of New for them, on reasonable terms.

THree Negro Men Slaves, to be Sold, one about 18 years old, a second about 19, and a third about 30 years, that's a Tallow Chandler and Soap-Boyler, and a good Work-man: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

[No copies of the News-Letter issues of December 2-9, Number 138; December 9-16, Number 139; and December 16-23, Number 140, are now (1910) known to be in existence.]

N. E. Numb. 141

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday December 23. to Monday December 30. 1706.

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[A LITTLE over three pages and a half of this issue are devoted to foreign news, including items from London, Paris, Venice, Verona, Genoa, Deal and Hague, of July and August dates, and reports from the duke of Savoy's camp at Polongere, and the duke of Marlborough's camp at Helchin, and from Dantzick, Schaffouze and Shields, of similar dates.]

New-York December the 16th. On the 11th Instant, Capt. *Cole* Sailed from Jacques Bay for London. On the said Day Mr. *Gravenraedt* arrived here from *Boston*, but last from Rhode-Island.

The 12th. Instant was Religiously observed throughout this Province a Day of Publick Thanksgiving to Almighty GOD, for the

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179 Walter Everden: owner of the first powder mill set up in the Massachusetts Bay colony, originally erected in 1675, the time of King Philip's War. Everden was its first manager, and gradually acquired the privilege through purchase of the interests of the original proprietors, among whom were the Reverend John Oxenbridge, pastor, and the Reverend James Allen, teacher, of of the First Church in Boston, and Captain John Hull and Freegrace Bendall, merchants of Boston.

late Glorious Success of Her Majesties Arms and those of her Allies under the Command of his Grace the Duke of *Marlborough*, and those in Spain.

On the 14th. Instant Her Majesties Ship the Lowstaffe Sailed from hence to Barbadoes, with 4 Vessels under her Convoy.

Marsh in a Sloop from Rhode-Island bound to Maryland is arrived here.

Rhode-Island Decemb. 26th. We have had abundance of Rain here for 3 or 4 days. No Vessels arrived here but one *Codden* in a Sloop from New-York, who is Entered out there again.

Boston Inwards None,

Cleared Outwards,		For.
Joseph Allen	Sloop John & Mary	Rhode-Island
Christopher Taylor	Ship Union Galley	Barbadoes
William Alden	Ship Content	Ditto
Francis Plaisted	Belcher Figat	Ditto
Tobias Green	Brigt. Amity	Ditto
Bartholo. Green	Brigt. Dove	Ditto
Francis Norris	Sloop Seaflower	Montserrat
James Barns	Sloop Endeavour	Antigua
Natha. Perkins	Brigt. Success	Ditto
Robert Luist	Brigt. Amity	Madera
John Welch	Sloop Swallow	Barmuda
Philip Lewis	Brigt. Hope	Surranam
Outward bound		For.
Richard Metcalf	Francis & Eliz.	Barbadoes
Joseph Everton	Brigt. Eliz.	Ditto
Eleazar Johnson	Brigt. Hopewell	Fiall

All three Posts are now in, and set out again on Monday night the 30th Currant.

Advertisements

Any Person that has a Boy or Boys that can Read & Write, who wants to be put out to a good Master or Masters, may either speak (or send notice of him or them) unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, where they may know further.

Lost from Long-Island-Head about 17 days ago a Mast of 22 inches and 77 foot long; and another on Tuesday the 24th. Currant of 21 inches and about 75 foot long; both are markt. Whoever shall bring back both or either of them unto Capt. James Pitts of Boston, or give any true Intelligence of them, unto the said Capt. Pitts, or John Campbell Post-master of Boston, so as that the true owner may have them again, shall be sufficiently rewarded.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

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N. E. Numb. 142.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday December 30. to Monday January 6. 1706.

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[A FOUR page folio, seven columns of which are filled with foreign news, three columns being an account of the siege of Menin by the duke of Marlborough, in a dispatch from the camp at Helchin, October 9, 1706. Reports of the campaigns in Spain, Italy, Hungary and Poland are from Paris, Vienna, Lisbon, Dantzick, Frankfort and elsewhere, of August dates.]

Piscataqua, Jan 2. On Thursday last the 26th day of *Decemb.* there arrived at *Nanguncket* near to *Wells* in the Province of *Main*, A Flag of Truce from *Port Royal* with 34 *English* Prisioners, who had been out of *Port Royal* about a month before which said Prisoners came from *Placentia* in a French Man of War of 36 Guns, with Monsieur *Supercasse* (mentioned in our Num. 139 to have a Comission for the Government of *Port Royal.*) There came also a Flyboat from *Placentia* of 8 Guns, being a Store Ship, which was again Loaden and ready to Sail for *France* when the said Prisoners came from *Port-Royal.* Of the above Prisoners belonging to *Boston* are, Messieurs, *Arthur Jeffers*, *Peter Signiac*[,] *Allen Southmead*, *Solomon Gardner*, *Abraham Lewis*, *John White*, *Thomas Dawson* and 7 more belongs to *N. York.*[180]

Rhode-Island Jan. 3 On the 1st Instant arrived here a Sloop from *Antigua*, *Richard Smith* Master, about 3 weeks passage, who says that there was a Packet arrived there from *Barbadoes* about a fortnight ere he left Antigua, that said there was 12 Sail of Men of War arrived there from *England.* The said Day came in *Lillibridge* from *Connecticut.*

We are informed here that five days ago Cap. *Emons* arrived at *New-London* from *England* bound for *New-York*, who had about ten weeks passage, on board whereof is Mr. *Byerlie* Collector of *New-York.* They also say, that the Store Ship for *New-York* was run down in the Channel of *England* by a Man of War, and lost.

John Cranston Entered Outward for *Curacoa.*

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180 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 678.

Salisbury; Major *Robert Pike* Esq. was Interr'd here on *Thursday* the 19th. of *December* last; the Foot Company of the Town, and the Troop, being in Arms.

He died in the 92 year of his Age.

Salem, Jan. 4. An awful Providence fell out here: On Friday the 3d Currant, *Samuel Neale* of this Town Shoe-maker, being well and in health, eat his Dinner heartily, and afterward went well to his Work, where he was taken Speechless, and never spoke a word after, but departed this Life the same Evening.

Boston	Inwards	None
	Cleared Outward	For
Thomas Langdon	Sloop Fortune	Plymouth
John Scot	Brigt. *William*	Jamaica
Azor Gale	Ship Friendship	Ditto
Joshua Pickman	Ketch Exchange	Madera
Andrew Wilson	Ship Sarah Galley	Barbadoes
	Outward Bound	For
John Robinson	Brigt Sarah	Barbadoes
Walter Goodrige	Brigt Abiel & Sarah	Surranam
John Rayner	Ketch Freeke	*Fyall*

Advertisements

A Negro woman aged about 26 years to be Sold: Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

Stolen or Lost in September last, out of Samuel Dogget of Marshfield his Sloop then in Boston, the first part of Purchasses Pilgrims' a History in Folio: Whoever shall bring back the said Book unto the said Dogget, or unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, or give any true Intelligence of it unto either so as that the true owner may have it again, shall be sufficiently rewarded; If offered to be Sold or pawned, you are desired to stop it, and the Person that has it, and give notice as abovesaid.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17.]

N. E. **Numb.** 143.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** January 6. to **Monday** January 13. 1706.

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[IN this number is a variety of foreign news concerning the siege of Menin, military movements before Turin, and other military movements on the continent, contained in letters from Paris, London, Dublin, Genoa, Hague and elsewhere, of August 1706, dates.]

New-York Decemb. 31 Capt. Tongrelow Sails this week on Privateering, he has also a Sloop with him for a Tender. Rolland for Jamaica, and Bourdet for Curacoa, intends to Sail with him.

On the 26th Instant arrived here the Brigt. York, *William Stanton* Master in 11 days from St. Christophers, the 10th of *October* he sailed from *Bristol* bound for this Port, and in Lat. of *Barmudas* he sprung a Leak and bore away to *Nevis* and stay'd there some time, and from thence to *St Christophers*, by whom we have the following Account.

A few days before Mr. *Stanton* Sailed from *Nevis*, Sir *John Jennings* arrived there with 12 Men of War from *Lisbon* from 50 to 80 Guns and a Fireship, they have Spanish Commissions and are bound to *New-Spain* to Convey home the Galleons: They bring the News that King *Charles* has had a Battel with the Duke of *Anjou*, and obtained an intire Victory, and that the latter is fled to *Navar*.

Capt. *Thomas Lilly* of *Boston* was at *Nevis*, but not meeting with a Market there, came to St. *Christophers*, and was there when *Stanton* Sailed. One *Ball* in a Sloop was ready to Sail from thence for *Boston*.

One *Trott* in a Sloop from *Pensilvania* bound to the Leeward-Islands was taken by a *French* Privateer, and Retaken by a *Curacoa* Privateer & carried in to *St. Christop*.

The News from *Eng.* by publick Prints is as follows [war news, including details of the operations before Turin and raising the siege.]

New London, Jan. 7. On the 29th of *December* arrived here the *Margaret* Gally from *England*, *Joseph Emons* Master, bound for *New-York*, who came out of *Portsmouth* the 18th day of *October* last, in Company of about 200 Sail bound for several Parts, under Convoy of 3 Men of War bound for *Lisbon*. There came also so out in Company with *Emons* for *New-York* the *Resolution* Gally with Stores, Capt *Holland* Commander, and one *Isaacc* in a Briganteen, and another Briganteen for *Philadelphia*, one *Palmer* Master. The *Resolution* Galley was run down in the night in the channel by the *Halifax* Galley another Merchant-man bound to the *Streights;* and 'tis fear'd that the Resolution Gally is lost; The *Halifax* Galley's Men all but 5 or 6 jumpt out of their own Ship into the *Resolution*, judging her to be the most likely to be saved: The *Halifax* Gally being much disabled, was Tow'd in to *Plym.* by a Man of War.

The Advice we have from *England* is a further Confirmation of the Raising the Siege of *Turin*, and the entire Defeat of the *French* Army in *Italy* by the Imperialists under the Command of Prince *Eugene*, in conjunction with the Duke of *Savoy's* Troops (mentioned in our Numb. 136.) [Details follow.]

Boston, On Fryday the 10th Currant was Interr'd here *Samuel Legg* Esqr. of Her Majesty's Council for this Province, who Dyed on Tuesday, the 7th. Instant.

Our Prisoners mentioned in our Last, that came from *Port-Royal* and *Placentia* acquaint us, That a *French* Privateer of 12 Guns and 70 men went out of *Placentia* the latter end of *May* last, designing to come upon the *New-England* Coast, who near to Cape *Sabels* met with a Merchant-man of about 20 Guns, which he took to be a *New-Englander*, and with whom he had a hot dispute: The Merchant-man having kill'd all his men but 14, and all his officers but himself, and his ship was much torn and shattered: The Privateer was glad to leave him, and make the best of his way back again for *Placentia*, where he arrived the latter end of *July* last.

The Brigt. Sarah of this place, *David Craige* Master from *Holland* and *England* bound for this Port, after a stout resistance was taken within 12 Leagues of Cape *Sables* by a *French* Privateer of 16 Guns and 70, men who came from Placentia to Cruise on this Coast, and was by the said Privateer carried in to St. *Peters* in *Newfoundland*, and after 6 weeks stay there, the said Briganteen with the Master and Saylors were sent to *France*, some of the Passengers were sent to *Placentia*, and are of the Prisoners mentioned in our Last to have come in the Flag of Truce.

	Cleared Outward	For
Daniel Allin	Ship Nich. & Susan	Barbadoes
	Outward Bound	For
Joseph White	Sloop Hope	Montserrat.

[No advertisements in this number.]

A. E. Numb. 144.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 13. to Monday January 20. 1706.

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[FOUR folio pages, three pages filled with many short items of minor foreign events, reported from London, Dublin, Hague, Verona, Milan, Paris, Ostend and elsewhere, of August dates. An account of the siege and capitulation of Menin is the important news.]

Hatfield, January 9 The People of this County are fill'd with Joy, for the Arrival of the Captives; especially, for the Return of the Reverend and Pious Mr. *John Williams*, to *Dearfield* again, upon *Saturday* the 28th of *December* last: which is esteemed a general Blessing. All Thankfully acknowledge His Excellency's effectual Care of us therein. And a Design is formed for Rebuilding the Town more Commodiously, and regularly Fortifying of it. *Wednesday*,

the 8th Currant was a Day of Thanksgiving there, to Praise GOD for His great Goodness. The Reverend Mr. *Solomon Stoddard*, and Mr. *William Williams* assisted at the Solemnity, each Preaching a Thanksgiving Sermon, Besides the *Inhabitants of Deerfield*, Sundry Persons of Quality from other Towns were present, helping forward this Religious Exercise.[181]

Boston; January 17. Upon appearance of the *Rainbow* seen here *Saturday* the 28th of *December*, about Nine in the Morning; some hoped it might be a Token, that GOD would not destroy *Dearfield* any more: And the good News from thence confirms that Hope.[181]

According to our promise in our last, we shall now proceed to a further account of the Publick Occurrences from *England*, *per Stanton Via New-York;* [here follows foreign news, principally of military operations in Spain and Italy.]

That the Squadron commanded by Monsieur *Deberville* is arrived at *Rochfort* from the *West-Indies* with 6 millions of Livres in Specie, but that Commadore with Messieurs *Gabaret*, *Mesnil*, *Montalanbert* and *Riveau* are dead of the Plague.

Inwards		From
James Goold	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
Cleared Outward		For
William Webber	Brigt. Dragon	Nevis
Outward Bound		For
John Myles	Ship Unity	Barbadoes

On Saturday the 18th. Currant arrived here from *Piscataqua*, the Flag of Truce that came from *Port-Royall*, with our Prisoners mentioned in our *Numb.* 142.

Roxbury, Jan. 18. *James Bayley* Esqr. Physician, Aged Fifty Six Years and Four Months, Dyed here this day, at two a Clock in the Morning.[182]

Advertisements.

RAn-away from her Master Nicholas Jamain of New-York Merchant, the begining of September last, A short thick Indian Girl, named Grace, aged about 17 years, her face is full of Pock holes, very few hairs on her Eye-brows, a very flat Nose, and a broad mouth; She speaks English, Dutch and French, the last best. Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Servant, and deliver

181 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 664. See News-Letter No. 136 *ante*.

182 See Diary of Samuel Sewall, Vol. II, pp. 178, 179, under dates Saturday morn, Jany 18th, Jany 20, Friday, Jany 24, 170⅞.

her unto Mr. Andrew Faneuil Merchant in Boston: If taken up in the Provinces of the Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire; if in Connecticut-Colony, to Mr. John Clark at Saybrook; If at Rhode-Island Colony, to Mr. William Barbutt; In Pensilvania to Mr. Benj. Godfrey; In Carolina to Messieurs Guerard and Pacquerau; If in the Province of New-York at Albany to Col. Peter Schuyler; any other part of said Province to her Master Jamain, 3 pounds, shall forthwith be paid to any one that shall deliver the said Indian Woman to any of the persons abovementioned, besides reasonable charges.

ANy Person or Persons that has any Sum or Sums of Money to Lend at Interest upon good security either real or personal, may repair unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

[Reprinted: negro woman to be sold, as in January 6; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

N. E. Numb. 145.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday January 20 to Monday January 27 1706.

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[WITH this issue a return is made to the regular two page size. From London, August 29, 1706, is an account of the taking of Alicante in July, and a tabulated list of the 42 vessels in the line of battle of the fleet in the Bay of Torbay, under Sir Cloudesly Shovel. Other foreign news is from Paris, Munster and other cities.]

New-York, Jan. 15. On the first Currant Arrived at *New-London* the *Margret* Gally, *Joseph Emmons* Master, from Holland and England bound hither, who came from *England* the 18th of *October* last, with the Resolution Gally and the Brigt. *Lawrell* for this Port, the former of which being run down by the Hallifax Gally, we fear to be Lost.

On the 12th Instant Capt. *Tongrelow* in the New-York Galley having 20 Guns and 150 men, with a Sloop for a Tender, Sailed from hence on Privateering, *Thinhoven*[,] *Atwood*, and *Boudet* for *Curacoa*, and *Rolland* for *Jamaica* Sailed with Capt. *Tongrelow*.

On the 13th arrived here *Coddin* in a Sloop from *Rhode-Island*.

Cleared Outward, *Musset* for *Antigua*, and *Bill* for *Jamaica*.

Outward Bound *Dehart* for *Madera*, and *Coddin* for *Rhode Island*.

Rhode Island, Jan 23. Outward Bound are, *John Brown* Sloop *Elizabeth* for *Barbadoes*, and *Peleg Peckham* Sloop *Brothers Adveenture* for *Antigua.*

Marblehead, January the 24th. On the 11th Currant, *John Merrit* Senior of this place went well to Bed that night, and earlie in the morning next day he rose and made water, and went well to Bed again, but Dyed suddenly in Bed by his Wifes side.

Salem, January the 25*th.* The Ship *Pleasure, Francis Ellis* Master, bound for Surranam, is near Loaden; And the Briganteen *Moses, Bryan Smith* Master, bound for *Avexo* in *Portugal* is half Loaden.

We are informed here of two sudden Deaths lately at *Beverly*, one of which was Mr. *Robert Bradford* taken eating his Victuals, who dyed suddenly, the other a Woman taken at her Spinning Wheel.

Boston,	Cleared Outward	For
John Jenkin	Sloop Mary	Madera
John Pitts	Sloop Rebecca	Antigua
	Outward Bound	For
Nathaniel Cary	Sloop Katherin	Fyall

☞*All the Three Posts arr now in, and set out again on Monday night the 27th Currant.*

Advertisements.

TO be Sold on reasonable terms for ready Money by Mr. William Clark Merchant, at his Store-House upon the Dock in Boston near the Swing-Bridge, Good Barbadoes Rum & Molasses by the Hogshead, Jamaica & Leward Islands fine Sugar, Pemento or all Spice, Cotton-wool and Indigo by smaller or larger Quantities above a quarter of an hundred, the Indigo by smaller parcels.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

A. E. Numb. 146.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday January 27. to Monday February 3. 1706.

[FROM the camp of the duke of Marlborough at Helchin, August 30, 1706, is an account of the surrender of the city of Menin; from Hague, August 31, a report of the siege of Dendermonde, and more particulars of the fall of Menin; from Paris, August 30, news from Italy and Spain.]

Rhode Island, January 31*st.* On the 28th. Instant arrived here

the Briganteen Warren *Joseph Palmer* Master from London, bound for Philadelphia who came out of Portsmouth the 18th of *October* last, in Company with the Briganteen Laurell *&c.* for New-York.

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay*, in *New-England*. A PROCLAMATION For Proroguing the General Assembly.

WHEARAS *the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Her Majesty's Province, stands Prorogued unto* Wednesday *the Twelfth of* February *next.*

I *Do, with the Advice of Her Majesty's Council, hereby further Prorogue the said Great and General Court or Assembly unto* Wednesday *the fifth Day of* March *next ensuing; And the said Great and General Court or Assembly is accordingly Prorogued unto* Wednesday *the Fifth Day of* March *next, at Ten a Clock in the Morning of the same Day.*

Whereof all the Members of the said Court, and all other Persons Concern'd are to take Notice, and conform themselves accordingly.

And the Sheriffs of the several County's, their Under Sheriffs or Deputies and Constables of the several Towns within the same, are Commanded to cause this Proclamation to be forthwith Published and Posted up within their respective Precincts.

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Thirtyfirst Day of *January*, 1706 In the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady *Anne*, by the Grace of GOD, of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith *&c.*

By Order of His Excellency
the Governour, *&c.* *J. DUDLEY*
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

Boston, On Saturday night the 1st Currant arrived here a Sloop in 27 days from St. *Christophers*, *Thomas Ball* Master, who says that there was a Squadron of *French* Men of War arrived at *Martinico* from *France*, and that there was a great many *French* Privateers abroad among the Leeward Islands. And by the said *Ball* we have the following advice from *England* of *October* the 3d. [Here follow several items of foreign news.]

We intend a more particular Account in our next.

	Inward	From
John Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Martha's Vineyard
Cleared Outward		For
John Wells	Sloop Tryal	Piscataqua
Eleazar Johnson	Brigt. Hopewell	Fiall

John Rayner	Katch Freek	Ditto
George Phenney	Brigt. Tryal	Ditto
David Adams	Katch Goodhope	South-Carolina
Outward Bound		For
William Hawley	Ship America	London
Nathaniel Cary	Sloop Katherine	Fiall
Lewis Gantet	Brigt. Pearle	Ditto
William Dounten	Sloop Vulture	St. Christophers
Alexand. Duncan	Sloop Friendship	New-York.

Advertisements.

RAN-away from his Master Capt. *James Pitts* of *Boston*, about a Month agoe, An Indian Young Man, named *Daniel Hump*, aged about 18. years, has on a dark gray Coat, a double breasted Jacket, dark gray Stockings, and a black Hatt; one of his Legs being Sore looks like a Bandy Legg. Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Servant and deliver him unto his said Master, or Mr. Barnabas Lothrop at Barnstable; or Capt. Simon Davis at Bristol, or Mr. Augustus Lucas at Rhode-Island, shall be sufficiently rewarded and paid, besides all reasonable cost and charges.

A Certain Person about 18 months ago has Lent Clark's Examples, a Book in Folio, which had Sil. Cross wrot upon it in the Blank Leaf: Whosoever has borrowed the said Book, or into whose hands it may come, are desired to return it unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, that the true Owner may have it again.

[Reprinted: boy or boys to be put out to master or masters, as in December 2; runaway Indian girl, as in January 20; loan of money wanted, as in January 20; William Clark, Merchant, as in January 27; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

N. E. Numb. 147.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 3. to Monday February 10. 1706.

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[THE foreign news in this issue is comprised in the paragraphs under the Boston heading at the top of the first column of the first page. The domestic news includes reports of hostile movements of Indians.]

BOston, In our Last we promised you a more particular Account of the advice from *England*, *Via St. Christophers*, *per Ball*, to the

3d of *October* last. [Here follows a column and a half of news items from various parts of Europe, principally relating to the war in Italy, Spain, Saxony and on the upper Rhine.]

(It is to be remarked here that the Substance of the Advice referring to *Spain*, is to be found in our preceeding Prints, *viz* Numb. 132, 133, 136. 138. 139, 142, 143, 144, 145. And that the above Advice does not enervate that Paragraph in Numb. 132 from *Oporto Septemb.* 24 wherein you have an Account of the Confederates Army's obtaining a Signal Victory over the Duke of *Anjou's* Army; which you have confirmed in our Numb. 143. in that Paragraph of *New York*, Decem. 31 by the way of St. *Christophers* from *Lisbon*. In our Numb 132 and 133, you have a Summary of the most Remarkable Transactions of *Europe* for the Month of *July*. In our Numb. 136. you have a Summary of the Principal Transactions of *Europe* for the Month of *August* to the middle of *September*. And this present above Account, with what is in our Numb. 143 and 144. Contains the Summary Account of the State of Affairs in *Europe*, to the middle of *October* last.)

We have also the following Advice *per Ball*, That the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships from *Lisbon* that arrived at St. *Christophers*, under the Command of Sir *John Jennings*, has brought to the Leward-Islands about 60 piece of Cannon taken from the *French* at *Barcelona*, with Carriages, *&c.* fit to Mount them, Powder and other Stores. That the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships waits at St. *Christophers* for some others that are to joyn them, and then they are to proceed to *Porto-Rico*, where they are to open their Orders. A Packet arrived at *Nevis* from *Martinico*, demanding the Money from that Island which the *French* when they Insulted it in *March* last had extorted by a second Agreement in *April* following, from some of the Inhabitants contrary to the first Articles of Capitulation (which you have in our Numb. 109. and in our Numb. 139 from *England*) unto which Demand the General told them that they should have none. The said Packet in her return from *Nevis* to *Martinico* stopt at *Guardelupa*, and took in above 20 Bales of *English* Goods and a considerable quantity of *East-India* Goods and 30 more hands, and in coming out thence a *Dutch* Privateer met her, who took her and brought her in to *Nevis*, and staid there 3 or 4 days, & Sailed thence with his rich Prize to Curacoa. Mr. *Ball* having touched at *Anguila* while he was there, a Sloop from *Barbadoes* came in, who told him that the said Island was alarmed at the sight of a Fleet, which they apprehended to be the Transports that was bound for the Leeward Islands.

On Fryday Night His Excellency received an Express from *Groton*, that a Party of ours having been sent out several days before to range the Woods, had made a discovery of the Enemy about 40 miles off

that place: Whereupon His Excellency forthwith ordered a Reinforcement of those Parts, and other the Frontiers, and expressed the Intelligence thereof to the Chief Military Officers within the several Counties of *Middlesex*, *Essex*, the Provinces of *New-Hampshire* and *Main*, with Orders to be upon their Guard, and in readiness to repel the Enemy wheresoever they might happen to fall.

Josiah Minot, Commander of the Ship *Samuel* bound for *London* having got a good number of his hands, designs to Sail about a fortnight hence.

A Sloop from *Holland* designing to touch at *New-Castle*, intends to Sail from hence about 3 weeks time.

Hitherto we have had here an extraordinary moderate Winter, not above 3 or 4 days very cold, only it has been checkered Weather, sometimes freezing then thawing, then Snow and Rain, Thunder and Lightning and Hail, neither of which continued long at a time.

Inward		From
Thomas Ball	Sloop Elizabeth	S. Christophers
Cleared Outward		For
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Nantucket
John Robinson	Brigt. Lark	Antigua
Lewis Gentet	Brigt. Pearle	Tersera
Outward Bound		For
James Goold	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
William Waters	Sloop Hannah	Rhd-Island, *&c.*
John Sunderland	Ship Jer & Ann	Barbadoes

Smiths River Virginia, Decemb. 8. On the 14th of *November* last, arrived here the Brigt. *Sarah*, *James Bowdoin* Master, in ten days from *Rhode-Island;* as also the Sloop *Seaflower*, *Stephen Eastwick* Master; the former Loading Tobacco for *England*, designing to Sail about the latter end of *February*, and the Sloop bound for *Jamaica* to Sail about the same time. We have no Vessels arriving here since our Fleet went for *England*, but are in daily expectation of a Fleet from thence, with a new Gouvernour.

New-York, Jan. 29. The Margret Gally, *Joseph Emmons* Master, is not yet arrived from *New-London*. We have not a word of News here, but so mild a Winter was never known, all this Month except a day or two has been more like *March* or *April* than *January*.

New-London, Febr, 3d. Our Frontier Towns on the Western part of this Colony have been lately alarmed, with apprehensions of danger from some of the Indians that are on the back of these Towns; which has caused our Governour to take this day a Journey to *Hartford* in order to Reinforce the Frontiers to expel the Enemy where

they might chance to fall on.[183] Mr. *Emmons* in the Margret Gally Sailed from hence for *New-York* the 18th of the last Month.

Bristol, Feb. 7. One *Thomas* in a Briganteen designs to Sail in a week for *Surranam.*

Rhode-Island, Feb. 7. *James Coden* in a Sloop is arrived here from *New-York.* The Briganteen bound for *England* whereof *Hatch* is Master, will Sail in ten days.

☞*All the Three Posts are now in, the* Eastern *and* Southern *to go out on* Monday *night the 10th Currant, in order to* return *on* Satturday *next; and the* Western *Post to set out then also, in order to return on* Saturday *the 22d Instant and then to set out on the* Monday *following the 24th Currant, to go and come once a week as the other Posts do.*

Advertisements.

Bristol, ss. Jan. 21*st.* 1706.

W*Hereas* John Foster *an Irish man was Apprehended by a Warrant from* John Brown *Esq. bearing date the 13th. day of* October 1706. *Upon Suspicion of Stealing a Silver Tankard, found in his Possession; and by virtue of said Warrant brought before* Coll. Nathanael Byfield *Esq. One of Her Majesties Justices for the County of* Bristol, *was by him Committed to Her Majesties Goal in* Bristol *in the County aforesaid, for that he could not give a good account how he came by the said Tankard, and a certain Horse, Bridle and Sadle found in his Possession; Who made his escape by breaking Her Majesties Goal, and upon his being Taken, was put into Irons, and by the Sheriff of the said County put into the Said Goal the Second time, notwithstanding which he hath again broken said Goal, and made his Escape, and cannot be heard of as yet.*

To the End therefore the said Tankard, Horse, Bridle and Sadle, now in the Custody of the said *Coll. Byfield*, may be restored to the Right owners. It is hereby Declared, That whosever can make a Lawful Claim thereto, or to any part of the said Goods above mentioned, paying necessary Charges for the keeping said Horse *&c.* may have their Goods again.

The said Horse is a pretty large Bright Bay Gelding, having a Brand on his near Buttock of this form d; whitish belly and Leggs, with a white Blaze in his Face, some white hair on his Weathers, and at the Root of his Tayle, and judged to be about Seven years old, but no Ear mark.

The Silver Tankard is old Sodered in some places, large, and markt

183 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . ,,.Vol. VIII, p. 679, detailing the campaign in the Connecticut Valley.

with the Gold-smiths mark I. D. Weighing Thirty Ounces.

By Order of Her Majestices Justices
John Cary *Clark.*

Printed for and Sold by Nicholas Boone near School-House-Lane in Boston.

A Token for Mourners: Or, the Advice of Christ to a Distressed Mother, bewailing the Death of her dear and only Son. Wherein the Boundaries of Sorrow are duly fixed, Excuses Restrained, the common pleas answered, and divers Rules for the support of Gods Afflicted Ones prescribed. By John Flavel, Preacher of the Gospel of Christ at Dartmouth in Devon.

NOw in the Press and will speedily be Published: A Disquisition concerning the State of the Souls of men (Especially the Souls of Good men) when Separated from their Bodies; in which some late very Remarkable Providences relating to Apparitions are Considered.

By Increase Mather, D. D.

THere is a Couple of very good new Dwelling-Houses with other Accomodations near the middle of Boston to be disposed of on very reasonable terms: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: servant ran away from Capt. James Pitts, as in February 3; loan of money wanted, as in January 20; negro woman to be sold, as in January 6; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17. 1706.]

N. E. **Numb.** 148.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** February 10. to **Monday** February 17. 1706.

NY

[FROM the camp before Turin, August 28, 1706, incidents of the siege of that city are reported; from Hague, August 31, a report of the discussion over the election of a new bishop of Munster, and from the camp before Menin, August 26, a list of the "wounded and slain."]

Situate, Feb. 10th. Yesterday morning between seven and eight a Clock, an awful Providence fell out here, *Thomas Lappams's* Barn of this Town was set on fire by Lightning, and burnt down, in which there was about 24 Head of Cattle and two Horses, which were all kill'd.

Ipswich, Febr. 15th. *George Jaffrey* Esqr. Of Her Majesties Council

for the Province of *New-Hampshire*, came hither from *Boston* on *Monday* the 3d. Currant bound homeward for *Piscataqua*, and was taken Sick here, so could proceed no further; he Dyed on *Thursday* the 13th Instant, very much Lamented of all that knew him, being a Gentleman of a Publick Spirit, and is to be Interred on *Monday* the 17th currant.

Boston, on *Wednesday* last the 12th Currant, Colonel *Hilton*, Commander of our Forces, sent forth on an Expedition to the *Eastward*, attended his Excellency, and acquainted him of his proceeding, being obstructed in his March as designed for want of Ice; and that in their return betwixt *Casco Bay* and *Wells*, they discovered a Track which they followed until they came to a Wigwam, wherein were two Indian Men of the *Eastern* Rebels, *viz.* one called Capt. *Sam*, the other *Alexander*, both known Notorious Rogues, with two Squaw's and two Children, the two men and one of the Squaws were kill'd, the other Squaw and two Children they took Prisoners. There was another young Fellow that belonged to the Wigwam who was not within it, that took to his Heels upon seeing our people, and they ran after him for two days, at last they came up with one of the Two Doggs he had with him and kill'd it, the other Dogg they heard squeel in the night, and our people supposed he also kill'd that for fear of discovering him; in our peoples pursuing him he threw away his Blanket, Breeches and Powder Horn, to further his flight; and that night a Snow falling, and being stark naked, 'tis judg'd he could not live.[184]

HIS *Excellency by his Proclamation of the 31st of* January *past, Emitted in our News Letter Numb 146 having Prorogued the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province, unto* Wednesday *the fifth of* March *next, has Resolved that the General Assembly come together and Sit on the Fifth of* March *next, according to his said Proclamation*

Inwards		From
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Benj. Flood	Sloop Benjamin	Ditto
Cleared Outward		For
Joseph Giddins	Sloop Eunice	Piscataqua
William Walters	Sloop Hannah Ruth	Rhode-Island
Alexand. Duncan	Sloop Friendship	New-York
Joseph Fabian	Brigt. Abigail	Surranam

184 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 674, in connection with an account of this expedition.

Rich. Metcalfe	Ship Francis & Eliz.	Barbadoes
Daniel Wyborn	Ship Robert	Ditto
Outward Bound		For
John Sunderland	Ship Jer. & Ann	Barbadoes
Thomas Ball	Sloop Elizabeth	England

Advertisements.

STolen on Tuesday night last the 11th Currant out of the House of Mrs. *Johanna Buckly* in the North End of *Boston* Widow, The following parcel of Silver Plate, *viz.* A large Tankard with a Coat of Arms, Two Bowles the one Scollopt, the other plain; One Salver with a Foot to it; A small Cup with two handles; Four Gold Rings, and having this I. I B. Markt on them: Two long Salts, and one Cup, and another wrought Cup Markt with I. B. and one large Poringer markt I. I B. with the Workmans mark I. G. And with the following mark of the Workman's E. W. Two large Dishes, one Mustard Box. And with the Workmans mark I. C. one Peppar Box, a large Porringer markt R. E. one Spoon markt R. S. one Ditto R. K. and one Silver Pot with a cover that holds near a Wine quart wash'd with Gold, wrought all over, markt R. N. Whosoever shall give any true Intelligence of the above Plate, unto the above-said Owner, so as that she may have them again, shall have Ten Pounds Reward. If all or any of them be offered to be Sold or Pawned, you are hereby desired to stop the same, and the person that has it, and give notice as above-said.

ANy Person or Persons that wants to Borrow Money at Interest giving good Security; May repair unto John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

ANy Person or Persons that has a Negro Man Slave or Slaves to Sell, or to be Transported to Virginia for a Market, may repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, where they may know further: Those to be Transported shall have their Passage free for their Labour thither.

ASet of Halberts to be Sold on reasonable Terms: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

THe one half of a Sloop call'd the Two Friends, burthen about 60 Tuns lying at Mr. David Farnum's Wharf in the North-End of the Town of Boston, to be Sold on reasonable Terms. Inquire of Mr. Edward Martin Merchant of said Town and know further.

[Reprinted: runaway Indian girl from Nicholas Jamain, as in January 20; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

N. E. Numb. 149.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday February 17. to Monday February 24. 1706.

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[NEWS of the defeat of the French army at Turin, September 7, 1706, is the feature of this issue. It is contained in dispatches from Turin and Hague, under September dates, and in letters to the States-General from Prince William of Saxe-Gotha, the duke of Savoy, and Prince Eugene of Savoy. Then follows the editorial paragraph of reference.]

(For a more particular Account of the Battle at the raising of the Seige of *Turin*, and of the Signal Intire Victory obtained by His Royal Hig[h]ness the Duke of Savoy and Prince *Eugene* over the *French* in Italy, we refer you to our Numb 136 where we gave you the first Account of it; and a yet more particular account you have in our Numb. 143. in that Paragraph from *New-York*, *December* 31. And that other Paragraph from *New-London* of *Jan.* 7. And in our Numb. 144 Which we were not willing to repeat here, since the Account is in those so full already.)

New-York, *Febr.* 11. Mr. *Stanton* Sails this week or the next for *Nevis*. Mr. *Emmons* from *England* but last from *New-London* is arrived here, and 'tis said he is bound North about for *England*, and to Sail in *April* next. Outward Bound are *Adolph* for *Boston*, *Gravenraedt* for *Pensilvania*, *Braddick* for *Virginia* and *Patience* for *London*. No Vessels arrived nor any manner of News.

Rhode-Island, *Feb.* 21. The Briganteen from *Virginia* Bound for *England* that put in here to refit, whereof *Hatch* is Master, Sailed this week.

Boston, *February* 22. 1706.

WHereas on Tuesday night the Eleventh of February Currant, there was Stol'n out of the House of Mrs Joanna Buckley *Widow, Situate at the North-End of* Boston, *several pieces of wrought Plate and Gold Rings, Household Linnen,* &c. *The Linnen* &c. *being since found in a remote Out-house; but the Plate and Rings, of considerable value, are still wanting.*

And it being reasonably suppos'd, That divers Persons are Confederate in the said Theft, either by joyning in the actual commission

of the Fact, or as accessaries, in knowing or concealing of the same, or in receiving the Goods Stol'n.

His Excellency is pleased to Promise Her Majesty's Gracious Pardon to any person or persons concerned in the said Theft (except the principal and immediate Actor of the same) who shall discover the person or persons that committed the said Theft, so as he or they may be Convicted thereof.

By His Excellency's Command,
Isaac Addington, *Secr.*

And as a further Encouragement towards such Discovery, whoever can and shall discover the person or persons that committed the said Theft, so that he or they may be convicted thereof; Although such discoverers have themselves been so concern'd (in knowing or concealing thereof, or in receiving of any of the things Stol'n) whereby they would become chargeable in the Law.

The said Joanna Buckly *doth promise, not only to forbear any prosecution against them; but also to Reward them with the Sum of Ten Pounds.*

Cleared Outward		For
James Webber	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Joseph Everton	Brigt. Elizabeth	Barbadoes
John Stevins	Ship Eliz. & Mary	Ditto
William Cooke	Brigt. John & James	Montserrat
Outward Bound		For
James Goold	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
Eleazar Darby	Sloop Elizabeth	Ditto
Eben. Wentworth	Success Gally	Virginia
William Wyar	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto

☞ *All the Three Posts are now in: The Southern and Western to Set out on Monday Night the 24 Currant at 5 a Clock; and the Eastern Post at 7. All to return on the Saturday following.*

Advertisements.

THere is lately Arrived from *Holland*, a Parcel of very good Cordage from a Spun-yarn to Cables of Eight Inches: To be Sold by Mr. *Benjamin Faneuil* Merchant near the Slip in *New-York;* where other Stores for Shipping may also be Bought on reasonable Terms.

RAn away the Last Spring from her Master John Otis Esqr. of Barnstable, in the Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, an Indian Girl named Hannah Wapuck, aged about 20 years, middle sized, full fac'd, a comely Countenance, she speaks good English, not very perfect of the Indian Language; had on English Apparrel: Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Servant,

Honble Sir

Boston Septr 20th 1703

On other Syde is what occurs as I send your hon^r weekly.
And I'm informed your generall Court is to sit at New haben next month, and I must represent to your hon^r & Assembly the state of the post office as I have done to this Govt and New hampshire In order to have some encouragment for the support of it, as they have done: else of necessity it must drop, I doubt not in the least of your hon^r Concurrence therein, and with humble service am

Sr

Your hon^r most Humble
Servt

Jno. Campbell

Given by R.C.W.
Mar. 14. 1867

AUTOGRAPH LETTER OF JOHN CAMPBELL

Founder of the first American newspaper to be permanently established, 1704

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and deliver her to her said Master, or give any true Intelligence of her unto John Campbell Post. master of Boston, or unto her said Master, so as that he may have her again, shall be sufficiently rewarded, besides all reasonable Costs and Charges paid.

LOST at Boston about the latter end of November last, A Manuscript of about 18 Sheets of Paper, written on one side of the Paper, Entituled, An Essay for the Improvement of Trade in New-England, it was rowled up together, and tyed about with a Twine Threed: Whosoever can give any true Intelligence thereof to John Campbell, Post-master of Boston, so as that the true Owner may have it again, shall be well rewarded.

[Reprinted: theft of Mrs. Joanna Buckley's silver, and set of halberts to be sold, as in February 17; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

A. E. Numb. 150.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday February 24. to Monday March 3. 1706[7].

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[NEARLY all the first page of this issue is filled with "*the* RELATION *of the Battle fought the 7th of* September, 1706. *before* Turin; *and of the Relief of that City, brought to their High Mightinesses by the Baron de* Hohendorff, *Aid d' Camp General to Prince* Eugene *of* Savoy, *sent Express by His Royal Highness the Duke of* Savoy, *and by His Highness Prince* Eugene." Other news of the campaigns on the continent is from Audenarde, September 6, Vienna, September 8, and Turin, September 14. A dispatch from Versailles, September 14, gives an account of the reception of the news of the reverses of the French forces in Italy.]

Rhode-Island, Febr. 28th. There is a Sloop arrived here from *Barmudas*, by whom we are informed, That Capt. *Ellery* from hence was safe arrived at *Barbadoes*, having 16 days passage; and that the latter end of *December* there was a Packet from *England* arrived at *Barbadoes*, but knows not what News she brought. Three Sloops bound for *Boston* touch't in here, *Gillam & Blin* from Connecticut, & another Sloop from Pensilvania. *Palmer* from England that put in here bound for Philadelphia is Sayled.

Boston, The General Assembly of this Province are to Meet and Sit here on *Wednesday* the 5th Currant, according to His Excellency's Proclamation for Proroguing of them to the said Day.

By Letters from Virginia *via* Philadelphia and Rhode-Island of *Decemb* 27. We are acquainted, That *Henry Lowder* in the Ship Thomas and Sarah from hence was arrived there; as also *Samuel Long*, in the Brigt. Swan, the former of which designed to Sail for England in two Months.

Inwards		From
John Wells	Sloop Tryal	Piscataqua
Samuel Wenckley	Sloop Sarah & Hannah	Virginia
Cleared Outward		For
Eleazar Darby	Sloop Elizabeth	Pensilvania
Nath Loring	Sloop Dolphin	Connecticut
John Hedge	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
David Northy	Brigt. Friendship	N. Carolina
William Card	Sloop Katherine	Fiall
Outward Bound		For
David Bucklin	Brigt. Tryal	Barbadoes
Joseph Thorn	Sloop Hawke	Surranam
James Loring	Sloop Sea-horse	Virginia
Samuel Edwards	Seymour Galley	Ditto

Advertisements

[Reprinted: runaway Indian girl from Nicholas Jamain, as in January 20; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

N. E. Numb. 151.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday March 3. to Monday March 10. 1706.

NY

[FROM Turin, September 15, 1706, are reports of the movements of the armies of Prince Eugene and the duke of Savoy, and from Paris, September 18, a French account of the raising of the siege of Turin and the defeat of the duke of Orleans there. From Hague is a report of the invasion of Saxony by the King of Sweden.]

New-York, *Feb* 24. Last Week a Whale about 40 foot long was struck a few miles to the Eastward of this City, and afterwards passed thro' the Harbour and was kill'd in *Hudsons*-River, and brought down hither, where she is exposed to view. We have no Vessels arrived here since my last, nor any News. This City at present is very healthful praised be God. Outward Bound, besides those mentioned in my Last (Numb 149) are *Wright* for *London*, *Emmons* for *Holland*, and *Basset* for *Curacoa*

James River Virginia, Feb 28. There was 3 Vessels of our last Fleet for *England* lost in a Storm they met with a few days after they put to Sea, 6 or 7 more of the said Fleet put in again to refit, who were disabled by the said Storm.

The Brigt. *Sarah* of *Boston, James Bowdoin* Master put to Sea 2 days ago bound for *England*, and was put back again; but this day he Sail'd again on his intended Voyage with a fair Wind.

The Sloop *Seaflower, Stephen Eastwick* Master, Sailed the same day for *Jamaica.*

Rhode Island, March 7 There is arrived here from *Barbadoes, Antigua* & *New Providence* the Brigt. *Mary, Benj Elery* Master, from the last place in 10 days, and says that there was 12 Sail of Men of War arrived at *Barbadoes*, under the Command of Rear Admiral *Kerr*, that Sailed from thence before he came *from* that Island, but where bound he could not tell. Outward bound are *Balagy, Sherman* & *Renoufe* in 3 Sloops for *Barbadoes*, & *Ryder* for *Boston*

Boston, On *Thursday* the 6th Currant, By an Express from Col. *Hilton*, his Excellency received an Account of the Success of the Forces lately sent into the Eastern parts, *viz* That on *Tuesday* the 4th Instant, about one a Clock in the morning, the Colonel with a Detachment of the Forces under his Command, fell upon a party of the Indian Rebels, being nineteen in number, at a place call'd *Cox's* Head within *Kennebeck* River, whereof nine were men, most of them infamiously noted for their bloody Villanies, *Mamouson, alias Pemaquid Tom*, being one of the Company; The rest were Squaws & smaller Indians.

Eighteen were kill'd on the spot, a Boy about eight years old was saved alive.

Through the Favour of Almighty God, not one of ours was kill'd or wounded; Only in the Action, the Squaw lately taken by Col. *Hilton* in his former Expidition, unhappily received a Wound from one of our men by mistake.

This Accident is very much Lamented, for that the Squaw had been very serviceable in making known the places of the Indians Residence: She is sent to *Piscataqua* for Cure; and is in a hopeful way of Recovery.

Col. *Hilton* was again Embarking the Forces on the Transports to go in further quest of the Enemy, Resolving to range the parts all the Shoar along. Our Forces were all in good health, and animated with their Success further to pursue the Enemy.[185]

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185 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 675, in connection with account of Colonel Hilton's expedition. See also Journal of the Reverend John Pike, in Proceedings of the Massachusetts Historical Society, 1875-1876, p. 145, under date Mar. 3, 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

The General Assembly of this Province met here on *Wednesday* last.

By Letters from *Barbadoes* of *Decemb.* 19. We are advised of the arrival of *Berry & Blague* there from *Boston*, both bound for *Saltertuda*, of *Jonathan Harts* being taken and re-taken, and Carried in to *Barbadoes*.

The Last Year in our Numb. 100 We offered unto the Publick, a *Bill of Motality*, for the Town of *Boston*. The Number of those who died in the year 1705 (not including those who dy'd abroad, which among so many Seafaring people, as belong to this Town, must be more than a few) amounted unto 282. of which the *Negro's* made 44.

The Year 1706 has been thro' the Favour of God a year of great Health in the Town.

But the *Bill of Mortality* this exhibits the number of the Deceased.

March	9	*July*	21	*November*	15	62
April	12	*August*	30	*December*	20	96
May	20	*September*	19	*January*	10	58
June	21	*October*	26	*February*	13	
						216
	62		96		58	*Negro's* 45
						261

We are able now to Remark more particularly than we did in our former Bills; That among the Deceased in this account, the number of *Children* amounted unto 125. It is much for so populous a Town, to bury no more of its Inhabitants. The Survivors of any Consideration will understand how to make their profitable *Reflections* both *Political* and *Religious upon a* Bill of this Importance laid before them.

☞ John Kenny *Aged about 13 years*, Son to Margret Kenny *of* Boston, *Widow, being in very great torment & pain with the Stone, his Mother and Friends almost despairing of any Cure for him; at last hearing of Mr.* Zabdiel Boylston[186] *of this Town, Chyrurgeon, they made their application to him, who on the 5th of* November *last in the sight of several Physitians, Chirurgeons, and Persons of Note, performed the Operation very accurately and well, to the good liking of the Beholders: The Stone was a soft spungy Stone of the bigness of an Egg, and*

186 The eminent Boston physician, b. 1680, d. 1766, who first introduced the practice of inoculation into America in 1721, at the risk of his professional reputation and of his life, first inoculating his own son. Afterward fellow of the Royal Society of London, before which body he read An Historical Account of the Small-Pox Inoculation in New England on All Sorts of Persons, which was published in London in 1726 and in Boston in 1730. Copies of this pamphlet, now rare, are in the Boston Public Library.

broke in the taking out, but the young Lad is now and has been for above 2 months in perfect health, and holds his water. This at the desire of the Lads Friends, we thought fit to acquaint the Publick of, in case any person should be troubled with the like Distemper.

THis is to give Notice to all Seamen and Marines that have Deserted Her Majesty's Ship Deptford *any time since her being in* New-England, *if they will return to the said Ship between this 10th of* March *and the 10th of* April *next, they shall be forgiven and be intituled to their Pay. And Note, whoever will take up any men belonging to the said Ship, and bring them to* Boston, *shall receive Three Pounds for each man, from me.* C. Stucley. Capt.

Inward		From
Carteret Gillam	Sloop Tryal	Connecticut
James Blin	Sloop [Blank]	Ditto
Thomas Lanyon	Sloop Return	Virginia
Cleared Outward		For
James Gold	Sloop Hopewell	Pensilvania
John Lothrop	Sloop Charles	Connecticut
Beamsly Perkins	Ship Blessing	Antigua
John Sharp	Ship St. Antonio	Ditto
William Wyer	Brigt. Endeavour	Virginia
William Dounten	Sloop Vulture	St. Christo.
Matthew Wilson	Ship Mary	Jamaica
John Myles	Ship Unity	Barbadoes
Thomas Masters	Ship Cumberland	Ditto
David Bucklin	Brigt. Tryal	Ditto
Joseph Thorn	Sloop Hawk	Surranam
Outward Bound		For
Thomas Lasenbey	Brigt. Dophin	Whitehaven
John Welch	Brigt. Dolphin	Virginia
John Price	Brigt. Wil. & Mary	Newfoun.

The Ship *David* and *Joseph* of considerable Force, Capt. *James Pitts* Commander, designs to Sail for *London* again the middle of *April* next. And the Briganteen for *Whitehaven* in three weeks time.

Advertisement.

RAn-away from his Master Samuel Lyndes of Boston Esqr. the 26th of Febr. last, a Negro Man aged about 20 years, short Stature, bandy leg'd having on a light coloured gray cloth Coat, a leather Jacket and Breeches, a pair of yarn Stockings; he speaks good English: Whosoever shall apprehend and take up the said Negro, and deliver him to his said Master, or give any true Intelligence

of him, so as his Master may have him again, shall have a sufficient reward, besides all reasonable Charges paid.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday March 10. to Monday March 17. 1706.

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[ADDITIONAL details concerning the defeat of the French in Italy, including the raising of the siege of Turin and the surrender of Chivas, are contained in dispatches from Hague, the duke of Orleans' camp at Oulx, and the camp at Cezano, near Milan, all of September, 1706, dates.]

New-York, March 10 *Alexander Duncan* is arrived here from *Boston* and *Coddin* from *Rhode-Island.*

Mr. *Palmer* in the Briganteen from *London* bound for *Philadelphia* that put in to *Rhode-Island*, has been several days in the Sound at *Whitestone.* We daily expect the Briganteen *Laurell* from *England*, that came out in Company with *Emmons* and *Palmer.*

No Vessels arrived here from any place but the abovementioned, though we expect several from *Jamaica*, *Antigua*, *Curacoa* and *Carolina.*

On Satturday last the Hon. Col. *Evans* Lieut. Governour of *Pensilvania*, and several Gentlemen came to this City.

His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* goes next week for his Lordships other Government of *New Jersey.*

Mr. *Emmons* will certainly Sail about the middle of *April* next North about for *England.*

Adolph and *Duncan* Sails this week for *Boston.*

Outward bound are the Brigt. Eagle for *Barbadoes*, *Phenix* and *Keirsteed* for *Connecticut.*

Kenelworth, March 11. On the 5th Currant Dyed here, after six days Sickness, of a putrid Feaver, in the 62 year of his Age, the Worthy and very Reverend Mr. *Abraham Pierson* Minister of the Gospel in this Town, & Rector of the Collegiate School in *Connecticut;*[187] Unto the just and great grief of all that knew him; being a Person

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187 One of the founders of the Collegiate School, from which sprung Yale College, and the first rector of the institution, instructing the students in his house in Killingworth.

of such eminent Piety, Learning, Prudence, Industry and Faithfulness, as every way rendered him very Amiable & justly Honourable to his Acquaintance; and eminently Exemplary to all his Observers.

Piscataqua, March 13. We are in daily expectation of hearing from the Forces to the Eastward that are gone in Quest of the Indian Enemy, and hope they have met with another party of them.[188]

Rhode Island, March 14 We have no Vessels in or out this week, but *Waters* from *Boston*, who is gone for *Connecticut* and so no News.

Boston, We have no Vessels arrived here this week, but are daily in expectation of several from *England*, *Portugal* and from several parts of the *West-Indies*.

Cleared Outward		For
Nath. Presbuyy	Sloop Adventure	Connecticut
Benj. Flood	Sloop Benj & Mary	Piscataqua
Anthony Bracket	Sloop Katherine	Ditto
Thomas Ball	Sloop Elizabeth	England
John Welch	Brigt. Dolphin	Virginia
Samuel Edwards	Seymour Galley	Ditto
James Loring	Sloop Seaflower	Ditto

[Here is reprinted, as in March 19, the notice of Captain Stuckley.]

THese are to give Notice, That by Virtue of a Direction in the Act for Encouraging a Post-Office in this Province: *The Postmaster of* Boston *does send out every Two days after that the Post comes in, and after the Receipt of Foreign Letters by Sea; All such Letters and Packets that remain in the Office uncall'd for; And if the Person they are directed to, cannot be found, or that the Letters and Pacquets are for any Persons in the Neighbouring Towns out of the Post Road; Then the Names of the said Persons are every day to be seen on a fair Alphabetical List for the Sirname, with the name of the Town they live in: If they are for the Town of* Boston, *then no Town added. So that all Persons may know without Enquiring, when they have any Letters in the Office, excepting as above-said, when the Post comes in, or at the Arrival of Vessels.*

Advertisements.

[Reprinted: runaway servant of Nicholas Jamain, as in January 20; dwelling houses for sale, as in February 10; set of halberts for sale, as in February 17; manuscript lost, cordage for sale by Benjamin Faneuil, and runaway servant of John Otis, as in February 24; run-

188 Reprinted from the News-Letter in Notes, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, p. 675, in connection with account of Colonel Hilton's expedition.

away servant of Samuel Lyndes, as in March 10; News-Letter advertisement, as first in June 17, 1706.]

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From Monday March 17. to Monday March 24 1706.

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[TWO editorial notes beginning the first column of the first page of this number are introductory to a column of foreign news items. Then follows the domestic news beginning with the Charlestown, S. C. date.]

IN *our Numb. 147. We gave you the last Summary Account of the State of Affairs in* Europe, *to the middle of* October *last; And in this we proceed to give you the like Summary Account to the 12th of* November *last.*

ON *Tuesday* the 18th Currant arrived here the Sloop *Two Brothers, Jeffrey Bedgood* Master, about 20 days passage from *South Carolina*, by whom we have the following Advice from *London* of *November* the 12th. *per* the King *William* Packet Boat *Via Barbadoes.*

Charlstown, South-Carolina, Febr. 22 On the 14th of *November* last, the *Littleton* Galley *John Lowther* Master, was lost upon this Coast bound from *Jamaica* to *London*, all the men were saved and came on Shoar in their Boat, and left the Ship so Leaky and full of water, that they could not clear her.

There is arrived here the *Prosperous* Gally from *Biddiford, Charles Simmonds* Master, and from *Kingsail* the 6th of *December* last, where he see Capt. *Eason, Martin* and *Cawly*, but can give no Account of the rest of the *New-England* Fleet.

Yesterday arrived one *Burton* in 3 weeks from *Jamaica*, who went from *Montserrat* in Company with three of Sir *John Jennings* Squadron bound for *Carthageen*, to Convoy home the Spanish Fleet. The Admiral with 14 Sail more Sailed from *Jamaica* the 16th of the last Month, and expected Sir *William Jumper* with 10 Sail more to joyn him.

Burton says there was three Ships and one Sloop from *New-England* arrived at *Jamaica*, but know not their names, one of the Ships was new.

Kingsail, Decemb. 6. On the 24th of *November* arrived here the *Mast* Ship, *New-Hampshire, Robert Eason* Master, bound for *England*, who left *New-England* the 24th of *October* in Company with several

other Vessels under Convoy of Her Majesties Ship the *Dover*, Capt. *Mathews* Commander, who met with a great Storm two days after they came out, wherein they lost Company with most of the Fleet, and fell in with the Bay of *Fundy*. On the 30th of *October* the Ship *Swallow*, *John Alden* Master, struck upon a Whales Back and sprung a Leak, had 8 foot water in his Hold, the Sea running high, the men got on board the Ship *William* and *Hannah*, *David Mason* Master, nothing was saved but the mens Cloathing and Bedding. The 5th of *November* the Ship *Olive Branch*, *Thomas Letheret* Master, and a Pink, one *Pitts* Master, fell in with a *French* Privateer of 30 Guns, *Letharet* was within a Cables length of him, being Chased 8 hours and received several small Shot, and narrowly escapt being taken, he fears *Pitts* in the Pink was taken by him, the Privateer had a Jury Main and Top-Mast, but Sailed very well. Capt. *Eason* took a *French* Banker who had on board 5000 Core Fish and Salt, which was Ransomed for a thousand Livres, and has an Hostage on board for payment. The 19th of *November* Capt. *Eason* lost Company of the *Thenet*, *Cawley*, *Mason*, and *Letheret* in a great Storm they met with, which damnified both *Eason* and *Cawley* very much. *Letheret* in the *Olive Branch* is arrived at *Cork*, and *Cawly* here.

By part of the *Virginia* Fleet arrived here, we are acquainted, that 14 Sail of them was foundred, and feared many more. Vessels from all parts has suffered much. The Trade to *Bilboa* is not yet opened.

London, *January*. *7th* Several Vessels from *New-England* are arrived at several places, *viz* Capt. *Dudley*, *Fosdick*, and *Sears* at *London*, Her Majesties Ship the *Dover*, at the *Downs; Holberton*, *Pitcher*, *Lock* and *Pimer*, at *Plimouth; Mason*, *Whitehorn* & *Kingston* at *Falmouth; Hill* & *Miller* at *Silly; Hawksworth* and *Babbage* at *Dartmouth; Eason* at *Kingsail; Letheret* & *Simes* at *Cork; Watts* at *Kilmore; Jeffers* and *Grant* in *Ireland*, who lost their Masts in a Storm. 'Tis feared that *Martin* in the *Thenet*, and *Pitts* in a Briganteen are both taken. The *New-York* Merchant from *New-York* arrived at *Kingsail* the 16th of *November*. 'Tis said that 22 Sail of the Virginia Fleet bound for *England* are foundred at Sea.

Barbadoes, *Febr*. 10. The 7th Instant arrived here a Packet from *England*, 3 weeks passage, who say that the French King is endeavouring to make a separate Peace with the *Dutch*, That 20 Sail of French Men of War from *Brest* were bound to the *West-Indies*. That about the Wine Islands he fell in with a French Fleet of 17 Sail, and a Flag standing the same Course that he did. That Sir *Bevil Granvill* dyed at Sea in going for *England*. And that Mr. *Crow* is coming Governour for this island.

A Summary of the Principal Occurrences of Europe, *from the 12th of* November *to the 7th of* January *last from* London *per the Packet-Boat* Via Barbadoes *and* Rhoad-Island, *is as follows.*

[Here follows nearly a column of short items of foreign news, ending with the announcement, "We will give you a further Account in our next."]

Sommerset County Maryland, Febr. 16. An Order is come here from *England* to Embargo all Vessels bound there till *September* next.

New-York, March 17. On the 13th Currant arrived *Sleigh* in a Sloop from *Curacoa*, who left that Island the first of *February*, and informs, that Sir *John Jennings* with the Squadron of Her Majesties Ships were at *Jamaica*. That Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* Capt. *Fane* Commander, with the Vessels that went from hence under his Convoy were all safe arrived at *Barbadoes;* That it was reported a French Squadron was arrived at *Martinico*. A Sloop belonging to *Boston* Sailed from *Curacoa* about 14 days before *Sleigh*, for *Axuma* to Load Salt.

Adolph Sails this day for *Boston*, and *Gravenraedt* for *Pensilvania*, next week a Brigt. Sails for *Curacoa*, and another for *Barbadoes*.

Piscataqua, March 20. Yesterday arrived at *York* a Fishing Ketch which adviseth that Col. *Hilton* Commander in Chief of the Forces to the Eastward is returning to Casco, having ranged the Eastern Coast, but could meet with no more of the Indian Enemy.

Rhode-Island, March 21. *Codner* in a Sloop from Surranam, but last from *Barbadoes* arrived here, and *Gold* in a Sloop from *Boston* bound for *Philadelphia*. Outward bound are *Cranston* for *Surranam*, and *Ellery* for *Barbadoes*.

Boston. By a Passenger that came hither from *England* in a Packet-Boat, *Via Barbadoes* and *Rhode-Island*, we are well assured, that the *Resolution* Gally having Forces and Stores on board for *New-York* (mentioned in our Numb. 143. and 145. said feared to be lost and run down in the Channel by the *Hallifax* Gally, which proves to be a mistake, it being another Ship that was run down and not she) was at *Plimouth* the 12th of *January* last in good Condition, having several times put out to Sea, and forced back again; of whose Arrival we may daily expect.

On Thursday last there was a Warehouse at *Fort-Hill* belonging unto the Widow *Gibbs*, accidentally burnt down; wherein was lost a great deal of Goods.

His Excellency has been pleased on Saturday the 22d Currant to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province, unto *Tuesday* the

15th day of *April* next.

Inwards		From
Francis Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Connecticut
John Ryder	Sloop Elizabeth	Rhode-Island
Jeremiah Vaile	Sloop Mary	Nort Carolina
Samuel Saunders	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
Robert Sanders	Sloop Mary	Ditto
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland
John Fisher	Sloop Blackthorne	Virginia
Jeffry Bedgood	Sloop Two Brothers	S. Carolina
Cleared Outward		For
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Susannah	Connecticut
John Lothrop	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto

Advertisements.

THE Lynn-Spring Frame [Farm] between Salem and Lynn to be sold on reasonable Terms; It contains 20 Acres inclosed with a Stone Fence: Several other parcels of Land that are not fenc'd, good Pastorage, Maedow and Commonage: Having thereon a good double House, 4 Rooms on a Floor fit for an Ordinary, with a Barn and other Accomodations: Inquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

☞ THE Undertaker of this Publick Print of Intelligence for both Foreign and Domestick Occurrences has been endeavoring (now near three years time, with the aid and generous assistance of several Gentlemen, Merchants and others, both in this and the Neighbouring Provinces that annually took the same) to promote its continuance as a Publick good, yet notwithstanding that the same was proposed on very moderate Terms, and found to be of publick use, there has not hitherto appeared a competent number to take it by the year, so as to enable the Undertaker to defray the necessary Charge, far less to carry it on for the future, no dependance for its support being to be laid on the Weekly Sale of the said Prints, which if to be continued must either be by a greater number taking it yearly, or by some help from this and Naighbouring Governments, which is left to their consideration.

All Persons that has had it for the current year, who have not already paid according to agreement, are hereby desired to send it to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, with their Resolution whether they'd have it continued or not.

And all others who have a mind to put to their helping hand to promote and carry on the same, may agree with John Campbell Post-master of Boston, either by word or writing that it may be known

before the year is elapsed the last of April next, if it can be proceeded on for a fourth year.

N. E. Numb. 154.

The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday March 24. to Monday March 31. 1707.

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[GOVERNOR Dudley's proclamation for a general fast fills nearly all the first column of the first page of this issue. Foreign news follows, preceded by an editorial introduction, and occupying about two columns. Included in this are congratulatory addresses to Queen Anne upon the successes of her arms, from the General Assembly of New Hampshire, from military officers of Massachusetts Bay, and from prominent merchants and traders of Boston.]

By His Excellency, *JOSEPH DUDLEY* Esqr. Captain General and Governour in Chief, in and over Her Majesties Provinces of the *Massachusetts Bay*, and *New-Hampshire*, in *New-England*.

A PROCLAMATION.

for a GENERAL FAST.

UPON due Consideration of the Holy Anger of Almighty GOD, Evidently manifested by Lengthning out the Troubles of Europe, as well as our *own, and continuing them and our selves under the sore Calamities of a distressing bloody War; (notwithstanding the many great Victories obtained against the Common Enemy of* Europe) *which always bespeak our Humble Prostration at the Feet of Divine Soveraignty, with Penitential Confession of our many aggravated Sins and Provocations, and fervent Supplications before the Throne of Grace, for the free Remission of them: That the Just Displeasure of GOD against us may be removed.*

I Have therefore thought fit, with the Advice of Her Majesties Council, and at the concurrent desire of the Representatives in their present Session, to Appoint and Order That Wednesday *the* Sixteenth *of* April *next be set apart, and observed for* FASTING *and* PRAYER *throughout these Provinces; Exhorting both Ministers and People in the Publick Assemblies, and in their private Devotions, religiously to Solemnize the said Day; That by a sincere Repentance and steady Affiance in the Divine Mercy in their most humble Addresses to GOD, They may obtain these great Blessings.*

That our Soveraign Lady the QUEEN, *with Her Kingdoms and Dominions may always be under the Protection of Heaven; Her Majesties Life and Happy Government long continued; Her Councils and Just Arms prospered: That the Government of these Her Majesties Provinces may be always under the Influence of Divine Direction in all their Administrations & Just Enterprizes, and the Smiles of Heaven attend them; The Designs of Enemies defeated; The Residue of our* Captives *be returned: That* Health *may be continued, and the Ensuing Year Crowned with the fruits of Divine Benignity: That the present Wars and Tumults of the Nations may happily Issue in the Advancement of the* Protestant Religion, *and the* Glorious Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour JESUS CHRIST. *And all Servile Labour is forbidden on the said day.*

Given at the Council Chamber in *Boston* the Twenty Second of *March*, 1706, 7. In the Sixth Year of the Reign of our Soveraign Lady *ANNE*, by the Grace of God of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, QUEEN, Defender of the Faith, *&c.*

By Order of His Excellency and Council. *J. DUDLEY*
Isaac Addington, Secr.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

IN this we proceed according to our promise in the Last, with the remaining part of the summary account of the most remarkable Occurrences of Europe, *from the 12th of* November *to the 7th of* January *last, from* London per *the Packet-Boats* Via Barbadoes *and* Rhode-Island. [Here follow two columns of foreign news items. The most important of this foreign matter is the report concerning the death of Don Pedro, king of Portugal, and the succession of Don Juan to the throne.]

Fetter in a Sloop from *New-England* is arrived at *Tinmouth.*

St. *James's Decemb.* 18. An Humble and Loyal Address of the Council and Representatives of Her Majesties Province of *New Hampshire* in *New-England*, Conven'd in General Assembly: And five Addresses from the Military Officers in the several parts of Her Majesty's Province of the *Massachusetts-Bay:* Also an Address of the principal Merchants and Traders of *Boston* in *New-England:* Congratulating the Great and Glorious Successes of the Arms of Her Majesty and Her Allies, ever since Her Majesty's happy Accession to the Throne, and more especially (under the Command of the Duke of *Marlborough*) the last Summer in *Flanders;* and most humbly and thankfully acknowledging Her Majesty's great Care and Favour to Her People in those Parts, in Protecting and Encouraging their

Trade and Merchandize, *&c.* Were all presented to Her Majesty, by *Constantine Phips*[189] Esqr. Agent for the Government of *New-England;* being introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

All which Addresses Her Majesty received very Graciously.

New York, March 24. On the 22d Currant arrived here a Sloop from Madera, *Simon Pasco* Master, who left that Island the 3d of February, ...

One *Calley of Boston* in a Sloop was arrived at Madera, and one *Moses Wadlin*, who last Fall was bound from Fyal to Boston, being blown off the Coast, the Sloop was disabled, put into Madera and sold there; the Master returns a Passenger in *Calley for Boston.* A Sloop from Philadelphia was arrived at Madera.

On the 22d and 23d Instant arrived here one *York & James Many* in 24 days from Jamaica, there came out with them a Brigt. and a Sloop for Boston, all under Convoy of a Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships of War being 12 Sail with a Ketch and Fireship, under the Command of Sir *John Jennings* who is returned to England And has been at Carthageen and Portobell, but the Spaniards are not inclined to send home the Galleons till the Affairs of Spain are in a more peaceable posture.

Commadore *Kerr* is at *Jamaica* with 5 Sail of Men of War.

Two Galleys Sailed from hence last Fall for *Jamaica, viz Norwod & Grant* who were not arrived, & 'tis fear'd they are lost or taken.

Outward Bound a Brigt. for Surranam, and a Sloop *for* St. Thomas. Emmons will Sail *for* England about the middle *of* April next.

Rhode-Island, March 28. On the 26th Currant arrived here a Sloop *from* Barmudas, *John Welch* Master, by whom we are advised that Capt. *John Wentworth from* Piscataqua was arrived at Barbadoes 5 weeks passage, who met with a Storm 5 days after he went out, wherein he lost his Main Mast. Capt. *Wilson from* Boston is also arrived there. That there is a strong Embargo in Barbadoes. The said *Welch* is gone *for* Boston, as also *Adolph* who toucht here *from* New-York.

Piscataqua, March 28th. Capt. *Rymes, Alcock* and *Harmon* bound for *Barbadoes* waits for a fair Wind. Capt. *Thomas Holland* bound for Jamaica, will be ready to Sail in Ten days.

Boston. The following Act is passed by the Great & General Court or Assembly of this Province in their Last Session. *Viz.*

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189 Constantine Phipps: eminent London lawyer; afterward Sir Constantine, and Lord Chancellor of Ireland 1710-1714.

An Act for the further continuing of, and in Addition to the *Act, to Encourage the Prosecution of the* Indian *Enemy* and *Rebels;* which said Act was to continue unto the end of the Session of the General Assembly in *May* next; And is now revived and continued unto the last day of *October* following, with this addition; *That the Præmium for a Male* Indian *Enemy or Rebel capable of bearing Arms, or above the Age of 12 years that shall be kill'd or taken by any Company, Troop, Party or Person serving as Volunteers, without pay or Subsistance, shall* be One Hundred Pounds *instead* of Fifty Pounds *set by the Aforesaid Act.*[190]

Inwards		From
William Clarke	Sloop Endeavour	Virginia
John Mitchell	Sloop Elizabeth	Carolina
Cleared Outward		For
James Blin	Sloop Good hope	Connecticut
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Vineyard
Ebenezar Coffin	Sloop Ann	Nantucket
Nathaniel Gardner	Sloop Content	Ditto
Eleazar Moses	Brigt Mayflower	Newfundl.
Thomas Leasenby	Brigt. Dolphin	White-haven
Outward Bound		For
Richard Smith	Sloop Coronation	Newfoundl.
Samuel Hopkins	Sloop Dolphin	N. Carolina

Advertisements.

A Pretty Carolina Indian Boy aged about 12 years, to be Sold; Enquire of John Campbell Post-master of Boston and know further.

ONe Thomas Greatbatch, a lusty well-set man, between 30 & 40 years of Age, he has a Red full face, and pock broken; he commonly wears a Perriwigg, his Right leg is crooked. He is a Sailer, having been late Mate to Capt. Bonker in a Briganteen from Curracoe to Philadelphia, has absented himself at New-York the 17th. Instant, having several Considerable Sums of Money in his hands, for which he has signed Bills of Lading. Therefore whoever shall meet with said Person, are desired to secure him, and give notice to Mr. Moses Levy Merchant in New-York, or to Capt. Andrew Gravenrate of said City, who will pay as a Reward 20 pieces of Eight with reasonable Charges, and indemnify and save harmless said Persons for taking up and securing said Greatbatch.

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190 The original act was passed and published by the General Court August 14, 1706, as chapter 7 of the session begun August 7, 1706. The addition, passed March 13, 1707, and published March 26, 1707, is chapter 12 of that session. See Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . . , Vol. I, p. 594.

[Reprinted: dwelling-houses for sale, as in March 17.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday March 31. to Monday April 7. 1707.

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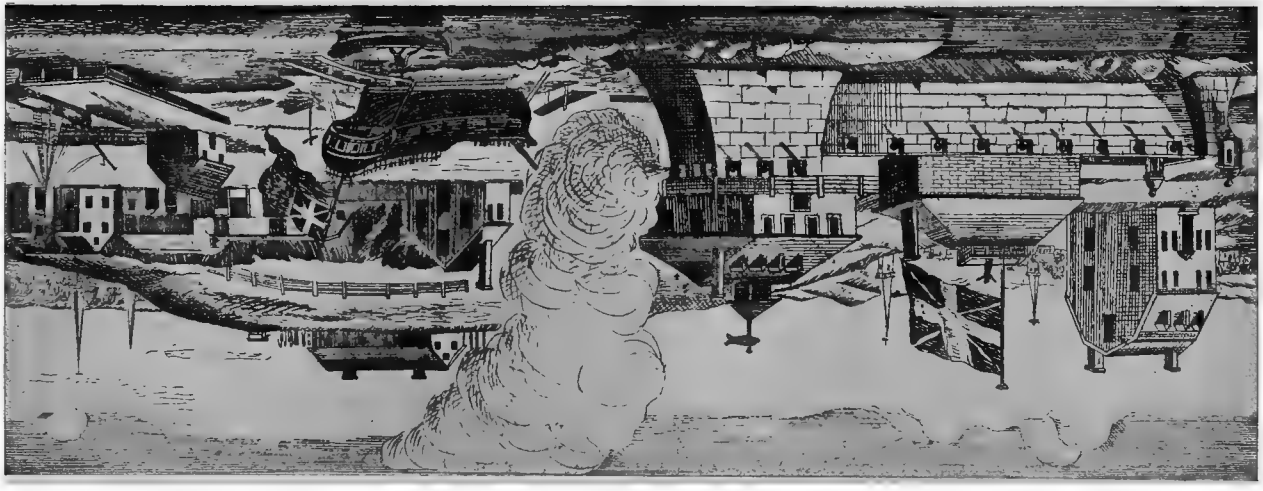
[THIS issue opens with an editorial paragraph referring to the "summary of publick occurrences in Europe." Then is given foreign matter filling the first page and a quarter of the second. It includes an instalment of a summary of the articles of the union between England and Scotland, prefaced by an editorial note, and followed by the line, "*Here we leave off till our Next.*" The domestic news in this number, as is usual, consists mainly of shipping intelligence.]

For want of Room in our Last, and due Encouragement to Print, especially a Sheet at a time upon the Arrival of Vessels from England *or the* West Indies *by the Packets: The Undertaker was necessitated to break off with the Summary of the* Publick Occurrences of Europe, *from the* 12*th of* November, *to the* 7*th of* January *last, and therefore does now proceed on the same.* [The foreign news items here follow.]

IN our *Numb.* 140 We acquainted you that Her Majestys Commissioners of *England* and *Scotland* (appointed by Her Majesty of *Great Britain*, pursuant to the Acts of Parliament of the Respective Nations, Impowering Her Majesty to Nominate Commissioners to Treat of an Union between the Two Kingdoms,) had agreed and concluded upon the Articles of the said Intended Union, the 22d Day of *July* last, which were not then made Publick: But are now come to our hands *per* the Packet *via Barbadoes* and *Carolina*, being since Printed in *Scotland* by order of the Parliament there; which Articles are in number 25. And are too long for this one Print, to be set down at large, unless the Undertaker were better enabled than hitherto he has been; yet for the satisfaction of those that has help't to support and promote the Publick Print, we have given you here a Summary of the said Articles which is as follows. [Here are Articles 1-15 of the Union.]

Jamaica, Febr. 18. *Armitage* and *Noyce* of *Boston* are arrived here from *Madera*, the former of which acquaints us, That a Ship from *Ireland*, which touch't at *Madera*, to take in 20 Pipes of Wine, and came out from thence in Company with him bound for this Place,



THE SCONCE, OR SOUTH BATTERY, BOSTON

The second fort on the Boston water front. First built in 1666 under the direction of Major John Leverett, afterward governor of Massachusetts. Located under the shadow of Fort Hill, on the site of the modern Rowe's Wharf

on the southside of *Hispaniola*, a *French Privateer* of 24. Guns gave them Chase, and came up with them, whom they engaged a considerable time, while at last the Privateer Boarded the Irishman, and with Granado's set Fire to the Irishmans Deck and Rigging, who was at length blown up; which when *Armitage* saw, he made the best of his way, the Privateer pursu'd him, but could not come up with him, and so got safe in here: The Irishman had 1500 barrels of Beef on Board.

They also say, that while they were at *Madera*, a Man of War came in there that had taken two *Canada* Store Ships.

New-York, March 31. Last week arrived here *Chaplin* in a Sloop from Barmudas 10 days passage. Letters from *London* the latter end of December *per* the Packet *Via Barbadoes* and *Barmuda* acquaint us, That the Lawrel Brigt. that came out with *Emmons, &c.* had been 3 weeks at Sea and was returned to Dartmouth in a most shattered condition, the Goods mostly damnifyed, and she rendered uncapable of proceeding the Voyage. Mr. *Philip French* late of this City Merchant, in his passage home from Virginia died 13 days after they left the Capes. *Emmons* Sails for England by the middle of April, and the Sloop Seaflower for Bristol, *Henry York* Master in 20 days. The Eagle Brigt. for Barbadoes Sails in a fortnight. Outward bound are a Sloop for St. Thomas, & a Brigt. for Surranam.

Rhode-Island. April 4. *Ela* in a Brigt. from Jamaica, bound for Boston toucht in here. *Coden* from *New-York*, and *Smallage* from *Boston* are arrived here, the latter informs, that the Nantucket Whale-boats came up with a Sloop that was over-set, whose Keel measured just 43 foot long, they got her Main-sail which had near 8 cloaths in the head of it, the Wind blew hard, they could not tow here in; & they went out next day to see for her, but knows not if they found her.

Piscataqua, April 4. His Excellency is expected here this night from his other Government of the Massachusetts-Bay. Capt. *Holland* Sails for Jamaica the 11th Currant.

Salem, April 5. Yesterday arrived at Marblehead the Sloop Beginning, *James Cawley* Master. 7 weeks passage from Madera, who says they had an Account of 3 *English* Vessels carried into Sally by Sally Men of War, but knows not for what reason. *Lewis* of Boston in a Brigt he left at Madera. On Monday last one *Swazy* in a Fishing Ketch saw a small new Ship standing out from Barnstable Bay, being new and red paint that stood off to Sea, The Shallops give account of such a Ship seen this week with new Sails, a low snug head, and

low forward on, and a Sloop with her; 'Tis feared to be a Rogue by his working.

Boston. On *Wednesday* Evening last, a Young Woman coming into Town upon the *Neck*, was assaulted by a Negro man, who attempted to commit a Rape upon her, and being inraged by her resistance, grievously wounded her in the head with a large sharp stone, so that her Life is despair; The Villain is in close Prison, and it's hoped will be made a publick Example to the Terror of others.

We are acquainted from *Barmudas*, that the Government of that Island sent a Spy-Boat to descry what Ships were at *Martinico*, who saw several there, but could not distinguish of the Men of War; the said Spy-Boat touch't at *Barbadoes*, and was permitted to return home, notwithstanding the Embargo there, she being on that Publick Service. Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe*, Capt. *Fane* Commander, in her Cruise had taken a *French* Ship of 12 Guns being a very rich Prize, and one of the Fleet that came out of *France* bound for *Martinico*, and brought here in to *Barbadoes*.

Letters from *Madera* of the 25th of *January* acquaint us, That a Ship belonging to that Island, *Goddard* and *Mansfield* to *New-England* were all Lost in a Storm.

Capt. *Pitts* Sails for London in 3 weeks time

Her Majesties Ship the Province Gally Cap. *Southack* Commander is Sailed this week on a Cruise.

Venteman from Jamaica and *Ellery* from Saltertuda arrived at Nantasket the 6th Currant.

His Excellency on Wednesday *last went for his other Government* of New-Hampshire.

Thro' an Error of the Press in our Last, Don Juan *the present King of* Portugal *is said to be Born in* 1669. *And it should be* 1689.

Inwards		From
John Welch	Sloop Swallow	Barmuda
James Berry	Ship Swan	Salterruda
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
Thomas Hunt	Sloop Panther	Jamaica
John Secomb	Sloop Boneto	Curacoa
Cleared Outward		For
Samuel Hopkins	Sloop Dolphin	N Carolina
Thomas Lanyon	Sloop Return	Ditto
Jeremiah Vail	Sloop Mary	Ditto
Carteret Gillam	Sloop Tryal	Connectic.
Outward Bound		For
Jonathan Evans	Brigt. Hope	Fyall
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland

Robert Holmes	Brigt. Content	Jamaica
John Ryder	Sloop Eliz. & Sarah	Rhd. Island

Advertisements.

NAthaniel Wardell Slea Maker, a special good Work-man has lately set up in Draw-Bridge-Street,[191] on the North-side of the Bridge near Coney's-Lane[192] in Boston, where all persons may be furnished at his Shop with all sorts of Sleas ready made on reasonable termes: His Ware has been prov'd to be very good by several skilful Work-men.

NEwly Published a small Book, Entituled, A Treacle fetch'd out of a Viper.[193] Sold by Benj. Eliot, under the West-end of the Town-House in Boston. Price Four-pence.

AParcel of good Indigo to be Sold on reasonable Termes, by Mr. Joseph Parsons Merchant at his Ware-house on the Dock in Boston.

[Reprinted: the Lynn-Spring Farm for sale, as in March 24.]

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From Monday April 7. to Monday April 14 1707.

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[IN this issue are additional articles of the treaty for the union of England and Scotland. From Paris, October 4, 1706, is an account of the French losses in the siege of Turin; from Brussels, October 3, an account of the reception there of the duke of Marlborough, October 27; and there are also reports from the military camp at Granez, October 7, and the camp of Prince Eugene of Savoy, October 22.]

A*ccording to our promise in our last, we here proceed where we left off, to the Remainder of the 25 Articles of the intended Union between the Two British Kingdoms of* England *and* Scotland. [Then follow articles 16-25 of the Union.]

New-Yōrk, April 7. On the 3d Instant arrived here a Pink from *Dublin, John Leigh* Master, but last from *Cork*, 17 weeks passage, but brings no late News, only that *Blaire* of *Boston* who Sailed out of

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191 Draw-Bridge Street: early name for North Street.

192 Coney's Lane: after 1708 Cross Street.

193 By Cotton Mather, Boston in N. E. Printed by B. Green for Benjamin Eliot. 1707. Small 8vo.

Leverpool the 8th of September last, was the next day in dark weather put ashore in Dundrum-Bay in *Ireland*, the Vessel and Goods wholly lost, and two of his men.

This day arrived a Sloop in 10 days from Barmudas, brings no News, only a report that Sir *William Jumper* was arrived at Barbadoes with 12 Sail of Men of War.

Emmons designs to Sail for England and Holland in 10 days, and the Seaflower for Bristol in a fortnight.

Entered out are *Pasco* and *Manny* for *Jamaica.*

The *Pensilvania* Post not yet come in

Boston, On Fryday the 11th Instant, His Excellency returned from his other Government of *New-Hampshire.*

On Tuesday the 15th Currant, the General Assembly of this Province meets here.

Wednesday the 16th Instant is to be a Day of Solemn Fasting and Prayer throughout this Province and *New-Hampshire*, for the Causes specifyed in his Excellency's Proclamation.

In our last, thro' misinformation 'twas not *Ellery* that arrived at *Nantasket* but *Mason.*

Inwards		From
Alexander Duncan	Sloop Friendship	New-York
Joseph Conclin	Sloop Tryal	Ditto
Joseph Allen	Sloop John & Mary	Connecticut
Nathaniel Loring	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
Jonas Green	Sloop Industry	Ditto
Giles Hall	Sloop Lyon	Ditto
Paul Mansfield	Sloop Lyon	Ditto
Nathaniel Mason	Sloop Guilford	Saltertuda
James Cawley	Sloop Beginning	Madera
John Venteman	Ship Martha & Eliz.	Jamaica
Ezekiel Cravath	Ketch Dolphin	Ilethera
Cleared Outward		For
Francis Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Connecticut
John Mitchel	Sloop Elizabeth	N. Carolina
William Clark	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
Robert Holmes	Brigt. Content	Jamaica
Moses Abbot	Sloop Endeavour	Maryland
Outward Bound		For
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
William Everton	Ship Elizabeth	Oporto
John Charnock	Marlborough Gally	London
Thomas Hunt	Sloop Panther	Madera

Ela in a Brigt. from *Jamaica* is arrived here, & *Blague* in the *Coleman* Gally at *Nantasket* from *Barbadoes* and *Saltertuda.*

Advertisements.

ANy Person that wants Money at Interest, giving good Security, may repair to John Campbell Post-master of Boston, and know further.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as in March 24.]

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 14. to Monday April 21. 1707.

MH—NY

[THIS number opens with an editorial note introducing foreign news. The foreign matter covers the first page and half of the second; and includes, under date Edinburgh, October 8, "Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter to our Parliament of *Scotland*, with the Lord High Commissioner's and Lord HighChancellor's speeches relating to the Union:" also a variety of war news. The domestic items relate mostly to shipping and affairs at sea.]

THE Foreign Occurrences which we give you in this: tho' prior in time to what you have had in our former, yet came since to our hands from *England*, *per* the Packets Via *Barbadoes* and *Saltertuda*, *per* Capt. *Blague*.

Philadelphia, *April* 12. *Darby* and *Gold* from Boston are below arrived at Salem.

New York, *April* 14. Yesterday arrived here one *Rolland* in 27 days from Jamaica, by whom we are informed, That Capt. *Tongrelow* a Privateer from hence, met a French Ship of 30 or 36 Guns and 160 men near Hispaniola, which he fought 4 hours till he had 2 men kill'd and 17 wounded, and finding her too strong for him, he left her, Tongrelow put in to Bonira to repair his damage

Emmons says he'll Sail this week for England and Holland, and *York* for Bristol in 14 days.

Two Sloops are bound for Jamaica, another for Madera, and a Brigt. for Barbadoes.

Her Majesty's Ship the Triton's Prize will be ready to Sail a Cruise in a few days.

Rhode-Island, *April* 18. On the 6th Instant an Express came to our Governour from the Narraganset, acquainting his Honour that

the Beacon at Block-Island was on fire, and that they heard several Guns go off, the Governour immediately caused the Drum to beat up for Volunteers to go under the Command of Capt. *John Wanton*, and Capt. *Benj Ellery* in a Sloop and Briganteen, and in 2 hours time there was 200 men compleat in Arms on Board; The Brigt. came up with Block-Island in the Evening, where they saw a small Sloop that came from *New-York* who had surrounded the Island 3 times, as tho' on purpose to alarm them; they know not who commanded the Sloop, but pretended that they came there to Press men for Her Majesties Service to the Man of War.

Inwards are Smallage, Ryder and Gillam from *Boston*, Taylor from *New-York* Cox from *Barmudas*, and Cranston from *Curacoa*, just now arrived.

Outward Bound, *Frost* for Surranam.

Boston, On *Thursday* the 17th Currant, His Excellency was pleased to Dissolve the General Assembly of this Province.

By *Porter* and *Blue* in 19 days from *Nevis* and *Montserrat* we are acquainted that *Norris*, *Kinsman*, and *Nathaniel Perkins* bound hence to the Leeward-Islands were all taken, That no *French*-men of War could be descry'd at *Martinico*. That the *French* Privateers were very numerous abroad among the Islands. That there was a Packet from *England* arrived at *Antigua* just as they came out, but knows not what News.

Scot from *Jamaica* is arrived here.

Inwards		From
Simon Smith	Sloop Hope	Saybrooke
Thomas Curtice	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
Peter Harris	Sloop Dolphin	New London
Joseph Talmage	Sloop Endeavour	New-Haven
Gamaliel Prince	Sloop Adventure	Milford
Joseph Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Nor. Carolina
Joseph Reding	Sloop Eliz & Grace	Ditto
Thomas Larkin	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
Samuel Long	Brigt. Swan	Virginia
Newcomb Blague	Ship Colman Frigot	Saltertuda
Thomas Porter	Brigt Lamb	Nevis
John Blue	Brigt. Dragon	Monserrat
Cleared Outward		For
Nathaniel Loring	Sloop Dolphin	Connecticut
Clement Sumner	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
Thomas Hunt	Sloop Panther	Madera
William Hawley	Ship America	New-York

Outward Bound		For
Thomas Chity	Sloop Endeavour	Barbadoes
Nath Mason	Sloop Gilford	Jamaica
Nicholas Bow	Sloop Beginning	London

Advertisements

GOod Jamaica Indigo, and good Cables from 4 to 13 Inches, to be Sold on reasonable Terms, by Mr. David Jeffers & Company Merchant, at their Warehouse on the Dock in Boston.

IMprecation against the Enemies of God, Lawful and a Duty, as it was delivered in a Sermon at the Lecture in Boston, before his Excellency and General Court, March 20, 1707, By the Reverend Mr. Benjamin Colman. Sold by Nicholas Boone, at his Shop near the Corner of School-house-lane in Boston.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 21. to Monday April 28 1707.

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[UNDER date of Edinburgh, October 31, 1706, is the speech of the earl of Seafield, lord high chancellor of Scotland, reporting the treaty for the union between England and Scotland; and then follows the action of parliament upon the treaty, article by article.]

(According to our usual manner upon the Arrival of Vessels from *England*, or the *West-Indies* by the *Packets*, fearing also that a Competent number do not offer to take the said Letter of Intelligence by the year so that it may be proceeded on for a fourth, this being the last of the third year. We shall now conclude with a piece of the best News that we ever Printed, which will no doubt be very acceptable to all the good Subjects of GREAT BRITAIN.) [Here follow the speeches of the queen to the houses of Parliament, January 28 and March 6, relating to the union of England and Scotland.]

Weymouth, April 24 Yesterday was interr'd here the Reverend Mr. *Samuel Torrey*, Fellow of Harvard *College* & Pastor of the Church in this Town, who Dyed on Monday last, having Preach'd on the Publick Fast the Wednesday before; was entering on the 76th Year of his Age, and in the Fifty first year of his Ministry; leaving behind him the Character of a very Laborious, Faithful, Learned and Pious Minister of the Gospel.

Boston. Inwards		From
John Webster	Brigt. Endeavour	N Carolina
Robert Lewis	Brigt. Amity	Madera
Thomas Rose	Ship Oxford Gally	London
Cleared Outward		For
Joseph Allen	Sloop John & Mary	Connecticut
Joseph Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
John Gross	Sloop Prosperous	Ditto
Outward Bound		For
John Venteman	Ship Martha & Eliz	Jamaica
John Scot	Brigt. William	Ditto
Richard Butler	Sloop Two Brothers	St. Christop.

Advertisements.

THere is a Fair to be kept yearly in the Town of Portsmouth on Rhode-Island, near the House of Abraham Anthony, on the last Tuesday of May which holds 3 days at a time

RAn-away from her Master Nath. Niles jun. of Point-Judith in Narraganset, a Negro Woman with her Son a Negro Boy about 2 year old, she's of a middle Stature & well set. Whoever shall apprehend and convey her either to her Master or John Campbell Post-master of Boston, shall be well rewarded.

HItherto no competent number has offered to take this Letter of Intelligence by the year, so as to enable the Undertaker to carry on the same; which when there does, he is ready to proceed with all Occurrences, both Foreign & Domestick.

[Reprinted: Indian boy to be sold, as in March 31.]

N. E. Numb. 159.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday April 28. to Monday May 5. 1707.

MH—NY

[FOREIGN matter fills the first page and nearly three quarters of the second: largely composed, under date *Whitehall, November* 2, of "Letters from *Valentia* of the 5th of the last Month, N. S." containing "the following Account of the last campaign in Spain." The domestic intelligence is almost wholly shipping news.]

New York, April 28. On the 22d arrived here a Sloop from *Curacoa*, but last from *Exuma* with Salt, by whom we have advice,

That Capt. *Tongrelow* had engaged a *French* Ship of 30 Guns two hours in which he had two men kill'd and 11 wounded, and had been at *Bonira* & refitted and was gone upon another Cruise.

That two *Dutch* Men of War of 60 Guns each, with several Merchant Ships were arrived at *Curacoa* from *Holland.*

The same day arrived here *Bradick* in a Sloop from *Virginia*, who on *Fryday* last was three weeks, met a Ship going in to *Virginia* from *England*, the Master whereof told him that he had been three Months from *England*, and came out with 5 other Ships for *Virginia* and the *Resolution* Gally for *New-York*, and that it was then nine weeks since he parted with the said Gally.

Capt. *York* Sails this week or next for *Bristol*

A Fly Boat arrived here from *Boston* in *Satureday* last, in order to Load for *England:* And *Leigh* is bound for *Dublin*

Boston	Entered Inwards	From
John Rayner	Ketch Freek	Fyall
Eleazar Johnson	Brigt. Hopewell	Ditto
Nicholas Burroughs	Marlborough Gally	Nevis
John Richards	Brigt. Endeavour	Antigua
	Cleared Outward	For
James Lewis	Sloop Dubastus	Connecticut
John Hedge	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
Simon Smith	Sloop Hope	Ditto
Thomas Curtis	Sloop Swan	Ditto
Peter Harris	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
	Outward Bound	For
Joseph Reding	Sloop Eliz & Grace	N. Carolina
Thomas Larkin	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto

Advertisement.

AT the perswasion of several Gentlemen, Merchants, and others, both in this and the Neighbouring Provinces, who are sensible of the want of this Publick Letter of Intelligence for both Foreign and Domestick Occurrences; the Undertaker has once more attempted to Print the same in hopes that all Persons who loves a Publick good will one way or other put to their helping hand, to Promote and Support it, that the same may not only be carryed on a fourth year, but also continued for the future.

And all Persons in Town and Country who have a mind to encourage the same, may have the said Letter of Intelligence every Week by the year upon reasonable Terms, agreeing with John Campbell Post-master of Boston.

'Tis taken for granted that all such who had this Letter of Intelligence last year, and have not forbid the same, will be still willing

to take it at the Price which others give: If any are of a contrary mind, let them signify it, and we shall forbear sending it to them.

The Undertaker has been also advised to carry on the Occurrences where they were left off, and 'tis hoped that fourteen days will retrieve the lost time.

A. E. Numb. 160.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 5. to Monday May 12. 1707.

MH—NY

[EUROPEAN advices fill all but about a third of a page of this issue, under dates of October-November, 1706. The items are dated Berlin, Constantinople, Moscow, Genoa, Vienna, Lisbon, "From the Duke of Savoy's Camp at Picighittone, Octob. 28 N. S.," Edinburgh, Paris, Milan, Amsterdam and Hague. The slight domestic news relates wholly to shipping.]

Boston	Entered Inwards	From
John Wiggins	Sloop John & Mary	New York
William Walter	Sloop Ruth & Hanna	Connecticut
Nath Presbury	Sloop Adventure	Ditto
John Lothrop	Sloop Speedwell	Barnstable
John Brewer	Sloop Content	Campechy
George Phillips	Sloop Supply	Fyall
	Cleared Outward	For
Joseph Flood	Sloop John & Abigall	Piscataqua
Joseph Concklin	Sloop Tryal	New-York
	Outward Bound	For
Richard Foster	Ship Boston Merchant	London
John Porter	Brigt. Lamb	St Christ.
Jefferey Bedgood	Brigt. Mary	Jamaica

New-York, *May* 5. On the 3d Instant arrived here a Briganteen in 27 days from *Curacoa*, belonging to St. *Thomas* which is bound to *Madera*, by whom we are advised, That two *French* Privateers from *Porto Rico* had taken a *Dutch* Trading Sloop worth One hundred thousand Pieces of Eight.

Yesterday *Adolph* arrived here from *Boston*.

Emmons Sailed last *Tuesday* from *Sandy-hook* for *England* and *Holland*. The Sloop *Seaflower* for *Bristol* and *Pasco* for *Madera*, lyes there Wind bound.

Entered Outward Bound the Ship *America* for *London*.

Advertisement.

[Reprinted: News-Letter advertisement, as in May 5.]

N. E. Numb. 161.

The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 12. to Monday May 19. 1707.

MH—NY

[FOREIGN matter occupies nearly three quarters of this number, and comprises general European advices of November, 1706 dates. The domestic news concerns shipping interests and movements of men-of-war.]

Portsmouth, Nov. 4. From on board Her Majestys Ship the *Kent* off of Lizzard, *Octob.* 29. Sir *Thomas Hardy*, who commands the Western Squadron being a Crusing in the Soundings, to protect our homeward bound Trade, took in Her Majestys Ship *Kent* on the 27th of this Month, after some resistance, the *American*, a Letter of Mart, burden, 150 Tons, 50 Men and 20 Guns, loaded with Sugar, Indigo, *&c* from *Martinicoo*, and belonging to and bound for *Bourdeaux*.

She Sailed from *Port Royal* in that Island the 8th of September last, in company with 4 more Ships bound for several Ports of *France;* but being a better Sailer than the rest, she made the best of her way a-head, & on the 20th *ultimo*, took in her Passage the *Samuel* and *Margret* of *London*, burden 100 Tuns, 20 Men, 12 Guns, *John Haberdee* Master, come from *Guiney*, and bound with Negroes to *Virginia*. She sent this Prize to *Martinico*, and kept the Master of her and 7 men more on board. On the 7th Instant she likewise took the *Elizabeth* of *Boston*, burden 90 Tuns, 9 Men, 2 Guns, in the Latitude of 11 deg. 10 minutes, Longitude 322. come from Port to Port with Wines for *New-England*, and kept the Super-cargo for the Ransom of the Ship, which hath now his Liberty, and sav'd his Ransom.

Falmouth, Nov. 7. The 5th Instant came into this Port Her Majesty's Ship the *Swiftsure*, and with her the Industry of and from *Virginia*, laden with Tobacco, which was taken by a *French* Privateer, and retaken by Her Majesty's Ship the *Nonsuch* near the Lizard.

Plimouth, [Eng.] Nov. 10. This day came in Her Majesty's Ship the *Swallow* from the Eastward with a Prize of 18 Guns from *Martinico* laden with Sugar, and a retaken Ship, *viz.* the *Tiger* Briganteen of and from *Boston*, bound for the *Maderas*

This day the *Swallow* Man of War brought in here the St. *Mark* of *Nants*, laden with Sugar *&c.* from Martinico; as also the *Tyger Briganteen* (retaken from a St. *Mallo's* Privateer) off and from *Boston*, in *New England*, one *Holland*, Master, laden with Fish, Tarr and Oyl, for the *Maderas*.

Philadelphia, *May 8th* On the 4th and 6th Instant arrived here two Sloops from *Barbadoes*, *Wade* and *Foster* Masters, *Foster* put into *Barbadoes*, he left *Barbadoes* the first of *April*, and *Wade* the 6th of the said Month, they came out without Convoy, there being no Embargo. The Vessels bound for *New-York* waited for the Convoy of Her Majesty's Ship the *Lowstaffe*, who intended to Sail the latter end of *April*.

The *Lowstaffe's* Prize is said to be very valuable, being loaden with Bale Goods, Beef and Pork.

Cap. *Forrister* a Spie Boat from *Barbadoes* was taken and carried in to *Martinico*, but was come to *Barbadoes* again in a Flag of Truce, the Cartele being settled between those Islands.

Yesterday and the day before was Launched here a Gally call'd the *Happy Union*, and a Briganteen, both designed for *England*.

Mr. *Gravenraedt* has Entered for *York* and *Boston*.

New-York, *May 12th*. On the 8th Instant a Sloop arrived here from *Barmuda*, and on the 10th a Ship from *Bristol*, *Cockrane* Master, who left that Port the 6th of *March*, and on the 18th of the same Month Sailed from *Kingsaile* in Company of three Men of War, two Transport Ships, and about 30 Merchant Men bound to *Barbadoes*, *&c.* in which Fleet was *Milford Crow* Esqr. Governour of *Bardadoes*, and 300 Souldiers, by which Ship we have advice, that Capt. *Budge* (who mist the joyning of the Mast Fleet last Fall) lost his Ship near *Limerick*, most of the Loading saved, but part damnifyed. That Capt. *Cole* who Sailed from hence in *December* last, was arrived in *Bristol* Channel.

Several Vessels are Outward bound for *Curacoa*, *Jamaica*, *St. Thomas*, *Antigua*, *Barbadoes*, *Barmuda*, and *Carolina*.

Boston.	Entered Inwards	From
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Susanna	Connecticut
John Lothrop	Sloop Charles	Ditto
William Smallage	Sloop Prosperous	Ditto
John Hedge	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
William Goold	Sloop Samuel	Ditto
Eleazar Darby	Sloop Elizabeth	Jersey
Thomas Ruck	Brigt. Fraternity	Barbadoes
Isaac Binney	Sloop Mary	Ditto

John Blower	Ship Stanier Gally	Ditto
Eleazar Armitage	Sloop Alexander	Ditto
Abraham Hill	Ship Andr & Will	Exon
William Wibber	Brigt. Dragon	St Christo.
Fortune Redduck	Brigt. Jer. & Tho.	Ditto
Samuel Richards	Pink Joshua	Lisbon
Joseph Polley	Bark Blessing	Campechy
Cleared Outward		For
Thomas Larkin	Sloop Speedwell	N. Carolin
James Webster	Brigt. Endeavour	Ditto
Barnabas Lothrop	Sloop Speedwell	Connectic
Gamaliel Prince	Sloop Adventure	Ditto
Alexander Duncan	Sloop Friendship	Ditto
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
William Arnold	Ship David & Joseph	London
Nicholas Bows	Sloop Beginning	Ditto
Outward Bound		For
Joseph Reding	Sloop Eliz. & Grace	N. Carolin

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 19. to Monday May 26. 1707.

MH—NY

[FOREIGN matter fills the first page and over half of the second, comprising general European advices.]

Dartmouth, Nov. 17. The 14th came in here the *Samuel* and *Sarah* of this Place, *John Symons* Commander, from *Newfoundland*, being a *French* Prize, taken and brought into that Country by the *Nicholas*, a Letter of Mart Ship, Capt. Holdsworth Commander. This Day came in the *Evans* Brigateen, *Joseph Harwood* Master, from *Pensilvania*, laden with Tobacco for Milford.

Marshfield, *May* 19. On *Wednesday* last the 14th Currant, The Reverend Mr. *James Gardner* was Ordained Pastor of the Church in this place.

New-York, *May* 19. Yesterday arrived here the Briganteen *Laurell* from *England*, who has been so long expected, she came out

of *Plimouth* the 21st of *February*. The *Resolution* Gally Sailed a month before her for this Port. Capt. *Wild* in the *Dove* was Loaden, and *Jeffers* was Loading in *February* last for this Port.

A Ship has been seen off and on of the Highland of *Never-sinks* last week, upon which Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton's* Prize Sailed from hence on *Saturday*, and we suppose went out of the *Hook* yesterday in search of her, supposing her to be a Privateer.

Last week one *Robinson* arrived here from the Bay of *Campechy*, one *Mears* of *Boston* came out with him; and he left another Vessel of Mr. *Lilly's* there, he has had 7 weeks passage.

Several Vessels are bound to *Barbadoes*, *Jamaica*, *Curacoa*, *Carolina*, &c. *Leigh* bound to *England* and *Ireland* will not Sail till the *Triton's* Prize return.

Entered Inward		From
Joseph Flood	Sloop John and Abiel	Piscataqua
Cleared Outward		For
Joseph Reding	Sloop Eliz. & Grace	N. Carolina
John Scot	Brigt. William	Jamaica
Thomas Chitty	Sloop Endeavour	Barbadoes
Outward Bound		For
John Ela	Brigt. Dove	Barbadoes
Giles Hall	Sloop Lyon	Newfoundl.
Thomas Welch	Sloop Swallow	Barmuda
Robert Lewis	Brigt. Amity	Jamaica

Advertisement.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From Monday May 26. to Monday June 2. 1707.

MH—NY

[FOREIGN matter fills the first page and about a quarter of the second, comprising mainly war news; a large part consists of advices, under date Hague, November 23, as to proposals of peace made to the allies. The domestic news includes the report of the Anniversary Election, with the list of councillors chosen, and the members of the house of representatives for the ensuing year.]

New-York, May 26. Last week arrived here *Pope* and *Bourdett* from *Jamaica*, *Stevins* from *Carolina* & *Joyner* from *Barmudas*,

but bring no News. We have an Embargo here till Her Majesty's Ship the *Tritons* Prize return, who went in quest of the Privateer that was said to be on our Coast. *Leigh* for *England* and *Ireland* does not Sail till the Man of War returns. There are two Sloops up for *Carolina*, a Sloop for *Barbadoes*, one for St. *Thomas*, one for *Antigua*, and *Joyner* for *Madera*.

Just now arrived a Sloop from the Bay of *Hunderas*, 8 weeks passage, which came out with two Briganteens for *Boston*.

Boston, June 2d 1707.

ON *Wednesday* last the 28th of *May*, being the Anniversary Day for Election of Counsellours, the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Province met & Elected. After Sermon Preached by the Reverend Mr *Samuel Belcher*, Minister of *Newbury* (from these words, Mat. 6. 10 *Thy Kingdom Come;*) the following Gentlemen Members of Her Majesties Council for the Ensuing Year, whom His Excellency was pleased to approve of, *Viz.*[194]

Wait Winthrop Esq.
John Hathorn Esq.
William Brown Esq.
Isaac Addington Esq.
Jonathan Corwin Esq.
**Peter Sergeant* Esq.
John Thacher Esq.
Penn Townsend Esq.
Benjamin Brown Esq.
Samuel Patridge Esq.
Edward Bromfield Esq.
James Russel Esq.
Elisha Hutchinson Esq.
Samuel Sewall Esq.
John Phillips Esq.
John Foster Esq.
**Joseph Lynde* Esq.
Eliakim Hutchinson Esq.
John Appleton Esq.
John Higginson Esq.
Andrew Belcher Esq.
Isaac Winslow Esq.

194 Printed, revised, in The Acts and Resolves . . . of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: . . . , Vol. VIII, pp. 225-227. In the list of councillors are these changes in the Province Laws print: Hathorne for Hathorn; Browne for Brown in both cases; Russell for Russel; Cushing jun. for Cushing; Paine for Payne; Plaisted for Blaisted. In the list of representatives, the following: Boston, Doctor for Mr. Tho. Oakes, Lieut-col for Col. Sam. Checkley; Weymouth, Mr. for Cap. Steph. French; Hingham, Theophilus for Tho. Cushing; Mendon, Sergeant for Mr. Wil. Holbrook; Braintree, Webb for Web; Billerica, Stearnes for Sternes; Woburn, Ensign for Mr. John Peirce; Reading, Wiley for Wily; Wrentham, Sergeant John Guilde for Mr. John Guile; Salem, Browne for Brown; Ipswich, Jewett for Jewit; Newbury, Lieut-col. for Col. Tho. Noyes; Lynn, Burrill for Burril; Marblehead, Trevett for Trivit; Bridgewater, Deacon William Brett for Mr. Wil. Bret; Sandwich, Bassett for Basset; Springfield, Lieut. for Mr. Joseph Stebbins; Gloucester, Haskall for Hascall; Rowley, Jewett for Jewet; Amesbury, Fowller for Fowler; Haverhill, Saunders for Sanders; Boxford, Lieut. Thomas Perley for Mr. Tho. Pearly; Bradford, Kimball for Kimbal; Charlestown, Phipps for Phips; Sudbury, Deacon for Mr. Edmund Rice; Marlborough, Beaman for Beeman; Concord, Capt. Jonathan Prescott for Capt. John Prescot; Suffield, Mr. Joseph Sheldin for Capt. Joseph Shelden; Dartmouth, Akin for Achin; Tiverton, blank filled: William Almy; Wells, Sayer for Sawyer; Chilmark, Maj. Benjamin Skiffe for Benj. Skeffe Esq.; added: Island of Nantucket, James Coffin.

Ephraim Hunt Esq.
Samuel Appleton Esq.
John Cushing Esq.
Nathaniel Payne Esq.
Simeon Stoddard Esq.
Ichabod Blaistead Esq.

The Members of the House of Representatives for the several Towns are as follows, and those that have this Mark (*) are New Ones

Boston { Mr. Tho. Oakes, Col. Sam. Checkley, Capt. Ephr. Savage, Mr. Eliz. Holyoke
Weymouth, Cap. Steph. French
Dedham, Mr. John Fuller.
Medfield, *Mr. Sam. Morse
Hingham, *Mr. Tho. Cushing
Mendon, *Mr. Wil. Holbrook
Wrentham, *Mr. John Guile
Brooklin, Mr. John Winchester
Salem { *Capt. Sam. Gardner, *Capt. John Brown
Ipswich { Mr. Neh. Jewet, Capt. Wil. Goodhue
Newbury, *Col Tho. Noyes
Lynne, *John Burril Esq. *Speak*
Marblehead, *Mr. Rich. Trivet
Beverly, Mr. Sam. Balch.
Wenham, *Mr. Tho. Patch
Topsfield, *Mr. Isaac Peabody
Glocester, Mr. Benj. Hascall
Rowley, *Mr. Ezek. Jewet.
Salisbury, *Capt Hen. True
Amesbury, *Mr. Tho. Fowler
Andover, Capt Christ. Osgood
Haverhill, M. James Sanders
Boxford, Mr. Tho. Pearly
Bradford, *Mr. Rich. Kimbal
Cambridge, Capt. Tho. Oliver
Charlestown, *Capt. Sam. Phips
Newtown, Mr. John Spring
Watertown, Jonas Bond Esqr.
Sudbury, Mr. Edmund Rice
Marlborough, *Mr. Tho. Beeman
Concord, *Capt. John Prescot
Chelmsford, *Capt. Wil. Tyng
Roxbury, Mr. Wil. Denison
Dorchester, Mr. Hopestill Clap
Milton, *Mr. Geo. Sumner
Brantrey, *Mr. John Web
Billerica, Mr. John Sternes
Woburn, *Mr. John Peirce
Reading, *Mr. Tim. Wily
Malden, *Mr. John Greenland
Sherborn, Mr. Jonath. Morse
Lancaster, *Mr. Tho. Sawyer
Plimouth, *James Warren Esqr.
Scituate, *Mr. Sam. Clap.
Marshfield, *Mr. Sam. Sprague
Bridgewater, *Mr. Wil. Bret
Barnstable, *Mr. Sam. Chipman
Sandwich, *Maj Wil. Basset
Yarmouth, *Mr. Elisha Hall
Eastham, Mr. Sam. Knowles
Springf. *Mr. Joseph Stebbins
Northamp. *Mr. Tho. Shelden
Hadley, *Mr. John Nash.
Suffield, *Cap Joseph Shelden
Hatfield, *Mr. Eleazar Frary
Enfield, *Mr. Isaac Meacham
Bristol, Mr. Nath. Blagrove
Rehoboth, *Mr. John Brooks
Little-Compt. *Mr. Wil. Fobes
Swanzey, *Mr. Joseph Mason
Taunton, Mr. Robert Crosman
Dartmouth, *Mr. John Achin
Tiverton,
York, *Capt. Lewis Bane
Kittery, *Capt. John Hill
Wells, Mr. William Sawyer
Edgartown, *Tisbury*, *Chilmark*, } Benj. Skeffe Esq.

Entered Inwards		From
John Bradick	Sloop John & Mary	New-York
Abel Jones	Sloop Larke	Maryland
Samuel Emes	Ketch Seaflower	Ditto
Nathaniel Loring	Sloop Dolphin	Connecticut
Francis Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
James Goold	Sloop Hopewell	Jersey
John Wilkins	Sloop Nonsuch	Pequemias
John Mason	Brigt. New-London	St. Christoph.
Philip Lewis	Bright Hope	Surranam
Cleared Outward		For
Daniel Jackson	Sloop Speedwell	Piscataqua
Anthony Bracket	Sloop Katherin	Ditto
Benj. Flood	Sloop Benj. & Mary	Ditto
Joseph Basset	Sloop Susanna	Connecticut
John Wiggins	Sloop John & Mary	Ditto
Nathan Presbury	Sloop Adventure	Ditto
William Walker	Sloop Han. & Ruth	Ditto
John Lothrop	Sloop Charles	Ditto
John Hedge	Sloop Speedwell	Ditto
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Samuel	Ditto
John Bradick	Sloop John & Mary	New-York
Richard Butler	Sloop Two Friends	St. Christoph.
Jonathan Evans	Brigt. Hope	Fyall
Jeffrey Bedgood	Brigt. Mary	Jamaica
Jonathan Hart	Sloop Gilford	Ditto
Outward Bound		For
Joseph Mackintosh	Brigt. Hope	London
Nicholas Johnson	Brigt. Hopewell	Newfoundl.
John Rayner	Ketch Freck	Ditto

Advertisement.

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The Boſton News-Letter.

From **Monday** June 2. to **Monday** June 9. 1707.

MH—NY

[FOREIGN matter fills the first page and nearly a quarter of the second: embracing, under date Westminister, December 3, the queen's speech at the meeting of Parliament; war reports; and

advices from Constantinople, October 31, and Lisbon, November 25 N. S. The domestic news relates wholly to shipping.]

Antigua, April 26. On the 20th Currant arrived here Capt. *Beamsly Perkins* from *Boston*, with *Wilson, Sharp & Isaac Perkins:*[195] The Privateers are very thick about the Islands. Yesterday arrived *Smith* from *Bristol.* There is bound hence to *Boston* Capt. *Gwin* in the *Eagle* Gally, *John Pitts* in a Sloop, and *Rolston* in another, and *Parker* for *Piscataqua.*

New-York, June 2d. On *Thursday* last the *Tritons* Prize spoke with *Duncan* of *Boston* bound to *Ruanock.* On Fryday arrived here *Play* in a Sloop from *Antigua*, but brings no News. On the 27th of *May* he met Two Ships near the Capes of *Virginia* bound in, one whereof he spoke with, who told him that they were from *London*, and had been 8 weeks out of *England*, and that they came out with a Fleet bound to Virginia.

Leigh for *England* and *Ireland; Stevens* for *Carolina*, and *Rolland* for *Jamaica* will be ready to Sail this week.

Boston.	Entered Inwards	From
Samuel Taylor	Sloop Rose	Connecticut
John Grost	Sloop Prosperous	Ditto
Francis Whitmore	Sloop Callipatch	Ditto
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Ditto
William Clarke	Sloop Endeavour	Corratuck
Thomas Lanyon	Sloop Return	Ditto
William Broaded	Virginia Merchant	Plymouth
Stephin Eastwick	Sloop Seaflower	Jamaica
George Pearson	Sloop John & Mary	Virginia
William Stone	Ship Carlile	Antigua
Cleared Outward		For
Eleazar Darby	Sloop Elizabeth	Pensilvania
Samuel Taylor	Sloop Rose	Rhode-Island
Giles Hall	Sloop Lyon	New-foundl.
Thomas Porter	Brigt. Lamb	St. Christop.
Outward Bound		For
George Phillips	Sloop Supply	Fyall
Ezekiel Cravate	Ketch Dolphin	New-foundl.
Eleazar Armitage	Sloop Alexander	Barbadoes
Isaac Binney	Sloop Mary	Ditto
Moses Wadland	Brigt. Adventure	Tercera

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195 Captains Beamsley and Isaac Perkins, both natives of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and both successful Boston shipmasters. Captain Beamsley commanded "Her Majesty's ship Dispatch, friggott" in the English attack upon Port Royal in 1710.

Newcomb Blague Ship Colman Frigot Jamaica

Advertisement.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From **Monday** June 9. to **Monday** June 16. 1707.

MH—NY

[THE first page and only about a quarter of the second of this issue are occupied by foreign matter: that includes the address of the English house of lords on December 4, 1706, and the queen's answer; also advices from Naples, Brussels and Milan, November, 1706.]

Barbadoes, *May* 14. On the 8th Currant arrived here our Fleet from *England*, consisting of 33 Sail, under Convoy of 3 Men of War, the *Guernsey*, *Childsplay* and *Winchelsea*, ten Sail are bound to *Jamaica*, the rest for this and the Leeward Islands, on board of said Fleet came *Milford Crow* Esq. our Governour, who on the 9th Instant came on Shore here: The Regiment being under Arms, and received with all imaginable Respect and Honour.

New-York, *June* 9. On the 2d Instant early in the Morning Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton's* Prize Sailed out of *Sandy-hook* and that night about 10 a Clock she met with a Ship 20 Leagues S & by E off the Hook, and kept her Company all night, and early in the morning engaged her, being a *French* Privateer of about 150 Tuns, she had 10 Ports aside, and full of men, thought to be no less than 150 or 200 men. The *Triton's* Prize Out sailed her, and intended to run very close upon her and give her a broadside, but the Privateer prevented her by giving the first Broadside and Volley of small Shot, whereby we had 4 men kill'd, and 5 or 6 wounded, besides Capt. *Davies* who was shot just behind the Ear, and with the Fall bruis'd himself much upon the edge of a Shot Case, that render'd him unserviceable for some hours, which gave the Enemy a great advantage yet notwithstanding the Fight was bravely maintained, and a great many Broadsides given, the Privateer made a running Fight, and the *Triton's* Prize every now and then upon the Chase came up with her, gave her a Broadside of Round and Partridge, several of the *French* men were seen to fall on his Deck, part of his Gunnel and Sprit-sail Yard found swimming; at last the Gale slacking the Enemy threw some of their Guns Overboard and row'd away, and the *Triton's* Prize returned to *Sandy-hook* to repair her damage. And Yesterday morning

put to Sea again, being very well Man'd and Capt. *Davies* well recovered; if that unhappy Shot had not hit Capt. *Davies* the Privateer had certainly been taken.

We have an Account of a Ship of 18 Guns and 200 men from *Martinico* bound on this Coast, and believe this was she, some Prestmen lately come *Martinico* affirm this to be the Ship that they saw there.

Yesterday Her Majesties Ship the *Lowstaffe* with a Briganteen and 3 Sloops arrived here from *Barbadoes*, they left that Island the 14th of *May*.

Boston. On Fryday the 13th Currant His Excellency was pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly of this Province unto *Wednesday*, the thirteenth day of *August* next, Having passed the following Acts, *Viz.*

An Act *for Apportioning and Assessing of Three several Taxes on Polls and Estates, Pursuant to the Funds and Grants made to Her Majesty by the General Assembly in the Years*, 1705, 1706.

An Act *for Reviving and further Continuing of several Acts herein mentioned that are near expiring*, viz. *The Act* Entituled, *An Act to prevent the Deserting of the Frontiers of this Province. The Act* Entituled, *An Act Granting unto Her Majesty an Excise upon Wines, Liquors and Strong Drink Sold by Retail. The Act* Entituled, *An Act Granting unto Her Majesty several Rates and Duties of Impost and Tunage of Shipping.*

An Act *in Addition to the Act directing how Rates & Taxes to be granted by the General Assembly shall be Assessed and Collected.*

An Act *for Regulating of free Negroes*, &c.

Entered Inward		From
Samuel Doty	Sloop Dove	Connecticut
Thomas Curtice	Sloop Swan	Ditto
Joseph Allin	Sloop Mary	Ditto
James Lewis	Sloop Dubartus	Ditto
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New-York
Adolph DeGroos	Sloop Sawer	Ditto
Joseph Everton	Brigt. Elizabeth	Baarbadoes
Jeremiah Tay	Brigt. John and Ann	Ditto
Adonirain Collins	Bigt. Larke	Ditto
William Alden	Ship Content	Ditto
Charles Chapman	Brigt. Dove	Ditto
Richard Thomas	Brigt. Hawke	Ditto
John Harris	Brigt. Sarah	Hundoras
Cleared Outward		For
William Smallage	Sloop Prosperous	Rh. Island
Francis Brown	Sloop Speedwell	Connectic.

Peter Newcomb	Sloop Industry	Ditto
John Grose	Sloop Prosperous	Ditto
Nathaniel Loring	Sloop Dolphin	Ditto
Thomas Lothrop	Sloop Diamond	Ditto
Moses Wadland	Brigt. Adventure	Fyall
George Phillips	Sloop Supply	Ditto
John Venteman	Ship Martha	Jamaica
William Broaded	Ship Virginia Merch.	Barbadoes
John Sunderland	Ship Jer. & Ann	Ditto
Outward Bound		For
David Norsby	Brigt. Speedwell	Roanoke
Samuel Richards	Ship Joshua	Maryland
William Thomas	Brigt. Eagle	Fyall

Advertisement.

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The Boston News-Letter.

From Monday June 16. to Monday June 23. 1707.

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[FOR foreign news there is the address of the house of commons to the queen and the answer of her majesty, and advices from Milan, Venice and elsewhere, November and December, 1706.]

Falmouth, Nov. 30. On the 27th Instant came in here from Cruizing, the *Schonenberg*, a Privateer of *Flushing;* She has brought in with her as Prize a small *French* Vessel, laden with Wines from *Bourdeaux;* and has retaken a *Virginia* Ship, which was by bad Weather separated from the Privateer. The *America* Merchant of *Whitehaven*, *Francis Jackson* Master, from *Virginia*, who was taken by a *French* Privateer, and retaken 12 days since by the *Schonenberg*, a *Dutch* Privateer above-mentioned.

Cowes, Nov. 30. Just now came into our Road the *Canada*, and St. *Francisco*, both from Bourdeaux, for the *West-Indies*, but last from *Plimouth*, taken by the *Concordia*, and States of *Zealand*, two *Dutch* Privateers.

*Plimouth, Dec*emb. 1. The 30th came in a *Dutch* Privateer with a Ship of 20 Guns and 200 Tuns, bound from *Bourdeaux* to *Martinico*.

St. *Johns Newfoundland, May* 14. There was a Ship bound hither from *England* lost in the Ice 60 Leagues off the Coast, and only 9 of 96 men saved being the Master *Arthur Holdsfworth* and 8 more.

Here are 3 English men of war at St. *Johns*, one at *Ferryland*, and another at *Trinity-Bay*, and not one at *Placentia*.

The News from *England* of March last is, . . . The 17th of *March* last several Vessels bound for *Guinea*, *Virginia* and *New England* arrived at *Portsmouth*.

Albany, *June* 10. We are certainly informed here, That there are several Parties of Indians gone from *Canada* to make a Descent upon the Frontiers of *New-England*. This morning came here an Indian who had been in Company with 20 of them.

New-York, *June* 16 We have heard nothing of the *Tritons* Prize since she went last out. We have a report here from the East-end of *Long-Island*, that they heard a great many Guns at Sea on Monday or Tuesday last week, they say above 100; but we know not what Credit to give it. The Embargo continues till the *Tritons* Prize Returns. *Miller* arrived here on the 14th Currant from *Curacoa*, but brings no News.

On Satturday His Excellency the Lord *Cornbury* arrived here from his Lordships other Government of *New Jersey*

Several Vessels are ready to Sail for *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Curacoa*, *Antigua*, *Carolina*, *Madera*, and *Ireland*.

Piscataqua, *June* 20 Yesterday about 2 a Clock in the afternoon, an English man and an Indian both belonging to *Rhode Island*, as they were coming from on Board of *Walters* lying at *New-Castle*, Over-set a small Cannoo, and were both drowned; seven Guns are said to be lost at the same time.

The Indians are Sculking every where on our Frontiers; and on Monday last 7 of them came to Spruse-Creek in *Kittery*, and kill'd *Philip Carpenter*, his Wife & two Children, but had not time to pillage the House. A Party of our Forces went in pursuit of the Enemy

Boston, Entered Inward,		From
John Bradick	Sloop John & Mary	New York
Abraham Schellinx	Sloop Endeavour	Ditto
Clemens Sumner	Sloop Speedwell	Connecticut
Walter Reves	Sloop Tryall	Ditto
Joseph Concklin	Sloop Tryall	Ditto
Jeremiah Vaile	Sloop Mary	N. Carolina
John Ruggels	Brigt. Good Luck	Barbadoes
James Barnes	Sloop Endeavour	Antigua
Daniel Noyes	Brigt. Hannover	Hundoras
Jonathan Armitage	Ship Adventure	Ditto
John Price	Brigt. Willi & Mary	New-foundl.

Cleared Outward		For
David Northy	Brigt. Speedwell	N Carolina
James Blin	Sloop Goodhope	Ditto
Dirick Adolph	Sloop Two Brothers	New York
John Rayner	Katch Freek	Newfoundl.
Eleazar Johnson	Brigt. Hopewell	Ditto
William Thomas	Brigt. Eagle	Fyall
Outward Bound		For
John Blower	Ship Stanier Galley	Oporto
Indigo Potter	Sloop Two Brothers	Pensilvania
Lewis Hunt	Sloop Nonsuch	Newfoundl.

Advertisement.

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From Monday June 23. to Monday June 30. 1707.

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[PROMINENCE is given to the speech of congratulation to the duke of Marlborough by the lord keeper in the house of peers, December 5, 1706, and the reply of the duke; also news from Vienna, Paris, Milan, Hamburgh and Hague. of early December dates.]

London, Decemb 5. . . .

Another Dutch Privateer brought into *Plymouth* the last of *November* a very rich Prize of and for *Bourdeaux* from *Martinico* of 20 Guns and 200 Tuns. A Dutch Privateer has sent into *Falmouth* the *America* Merchant, which he has retaken from the *French.*

New York, June 23d. On the 19th Instant Cap. *Sleigh*, and on the 20th Capt. *Basset* arrived here from *Curacoa* they had about a Months Passage, and came out in Company with the Homeward Bound *Dutch* Fleet, under Convoy of two Men of War, but being separated from them 3 or 4 days, the fifth day off of *Hispaniola*, they saw a Ship which Chased them, and stood after Basset, and in a little time came up with him; which proved to be a *French* Privateer, or Man of War of about 36 Guns and 200 Men, that fired two Broadsides and a Volley of small Shot at *Basset*, who had but 12 Guns, upon which *Basset* struck, afterwards the *French* fired another Broadside and small Shot at him, which shatter'd his Sails and Rigging, and Commanded him to come on Board (the Sea running

high and blowing hard that they could not board him) on a sudden came a Squall of Wind that Overset the *French* Ship, which in a moment fill'd, after they were overset, they made a lamentable cry both in French and English to Capt. *Basset* to save them; but after the Ship fill'd she sunk immediately with all her Sails up, and every man perished. It being impossible for *Basset* to save them, tho' they sunk just by him; (the Wind blowing very hard) She was a very fine Ship, had a woman carved in her head instead of a Lyon, and well painted with green and other colours, but chiefly green; She had an English Pinnace on Board, they said they were from *Martinico.* Two days after *Basset* fell in again with the *Dutch* Fleet, and related to them the way of his Escape.

The *Tritons* Prize is returned from her Cruise, and 'tis said the Embargo will be taken off to day, and that to morrow or next day the *Tritons* Prize will put to Sea with our Outward bound Vessels.

Capt. *Cockram*, will Sail directly for *Bristol* in about 14 days time.

Vessels Outward Bound (besides those Cleared out & ready to Sail) are a Ship and Brigt. for *Madera*, a Sloop for *England* and *Holland*, a Ship for *Leverpool*, a Brigt. for *Maryland*, several Sloops for *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, *Pensilvania*, and *Wiggins* for *Boston.*

Boston, Entered Inwards		From
Barnabas Lothrop	Sloop Speedwell	Gilford
John Lothrop	Sloop Charles	Milford
Jacob Parker	Sloop Endeavour	Piscataqua
Peter Harris	Sloop Dolphin	N. London
Cleared Outward		For
John Bradick	Sloop John & Mary	New York
Adolph De Groof	Sloop Sayer	Ditto
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